

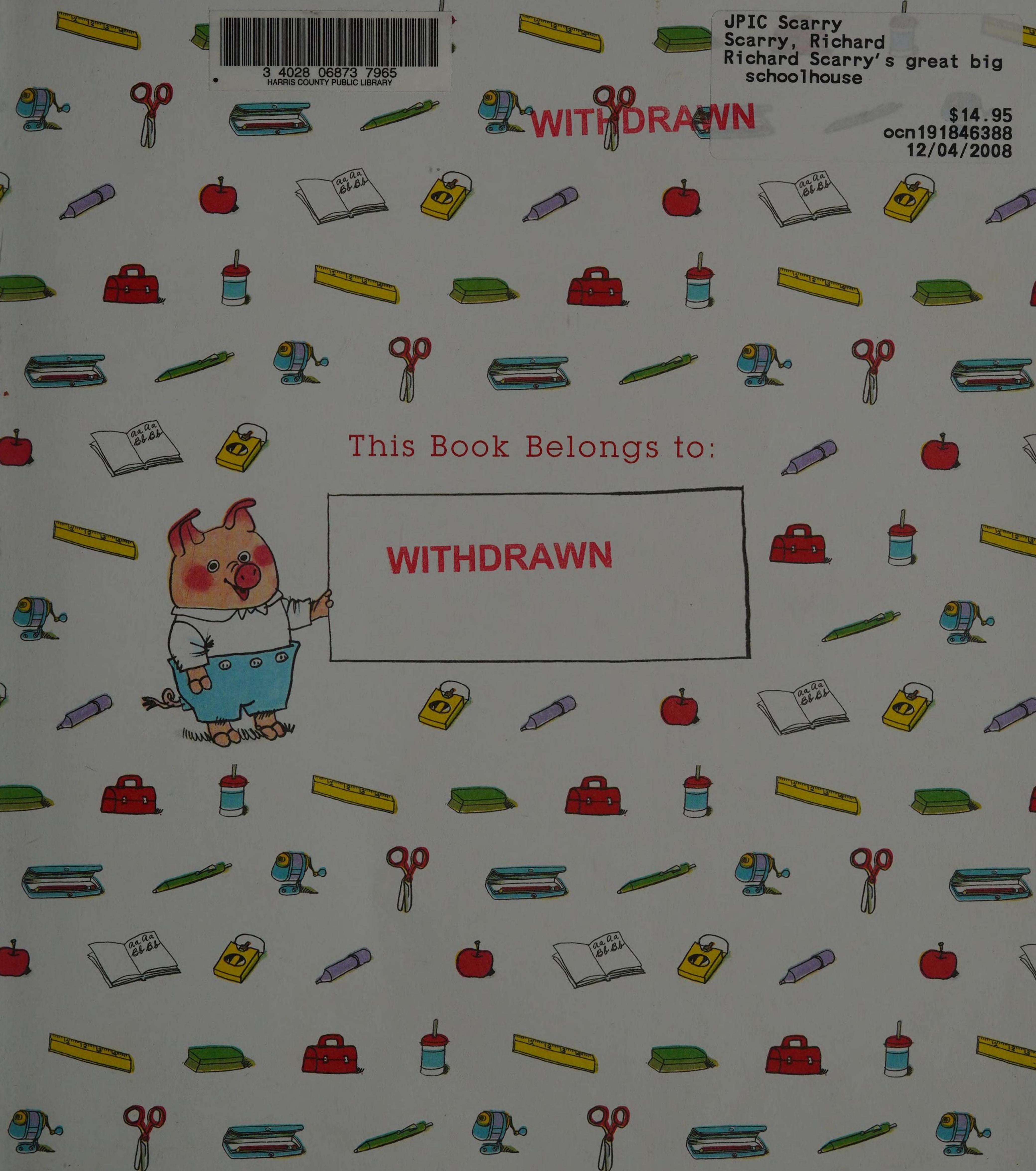
UMP on the big orange school bus with Huckle Cat, and join him for an exciting day of adventure and discovery!

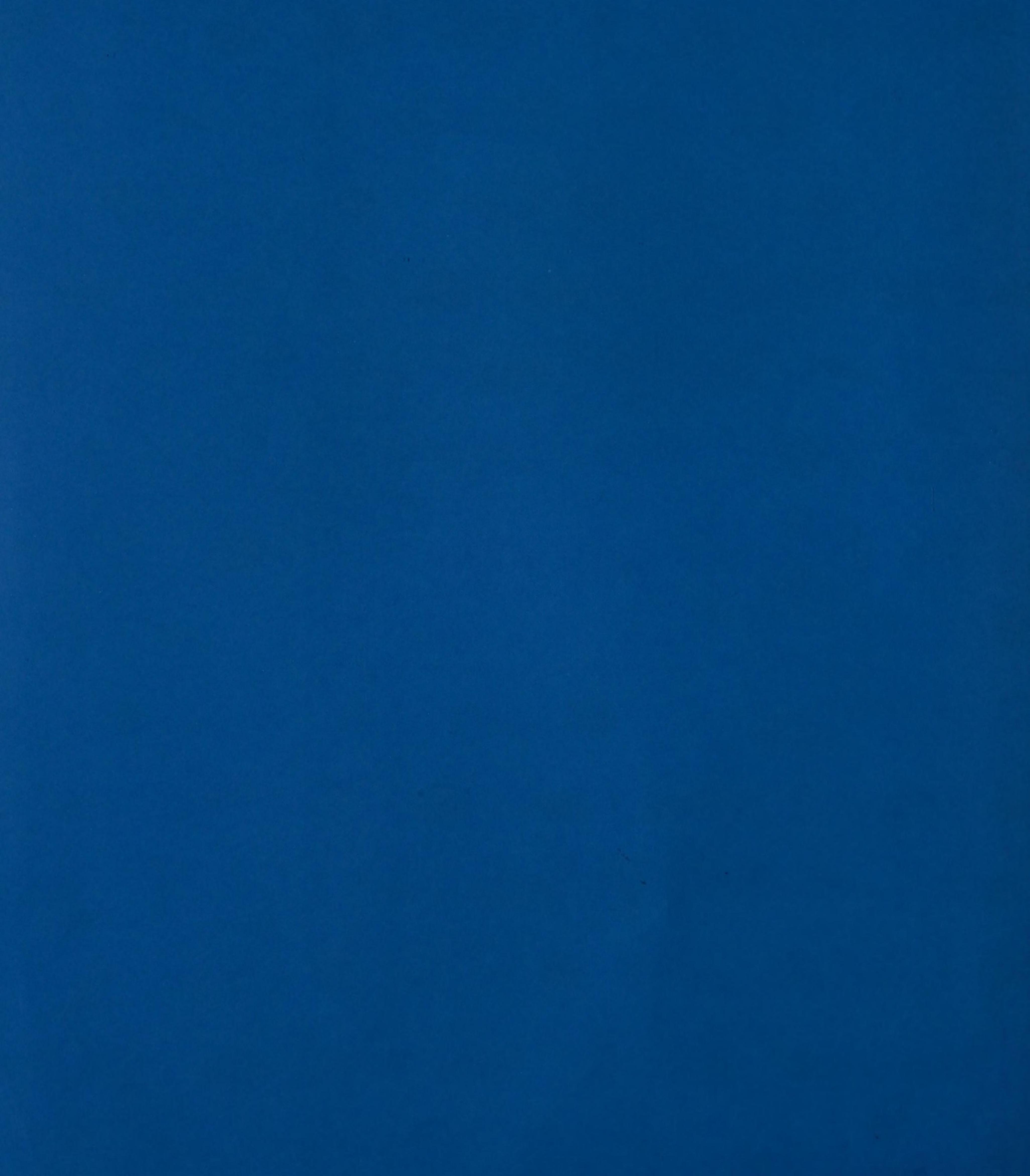
Huckle and his friends head to Miss
Honey's classroom for a day packed
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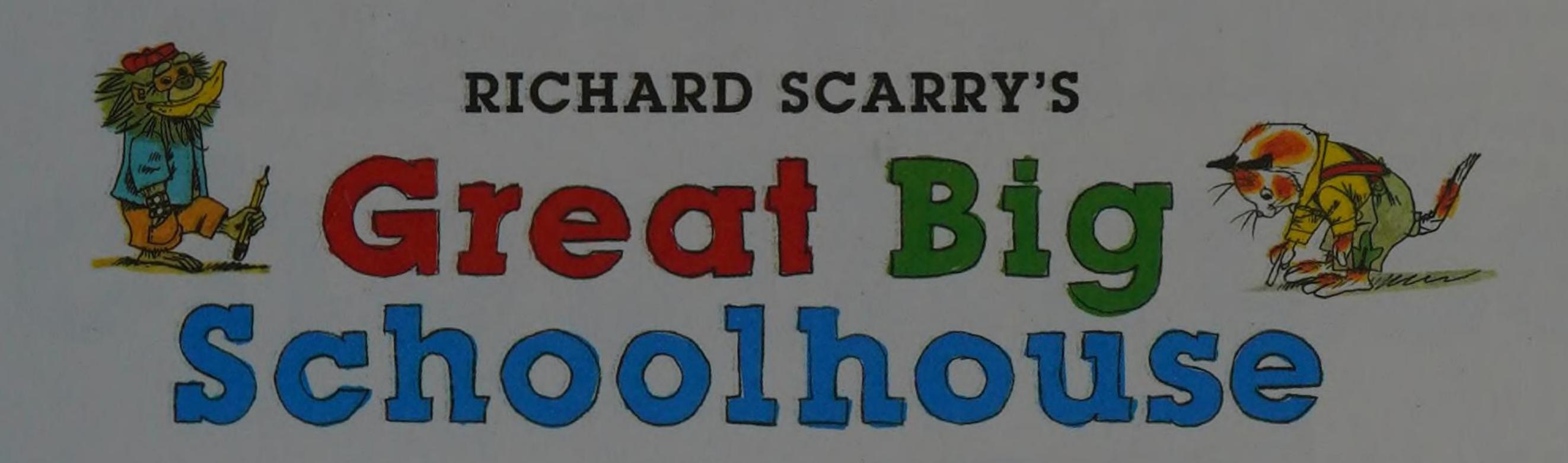
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- · the days of the week
- · counting
- shapes
- · colors

Every day is a lively one in the great big schoolhouse!









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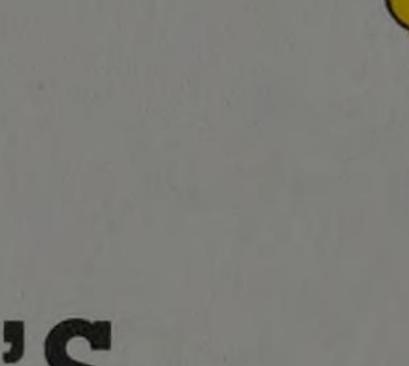
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RICHARD SCARRY'S

# Great Big Schoolhouse





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#### GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL



Huckle's mother woke him up.

"It is time to get up for school," she said.

"Why do I have to go to school?" asked Huckle.

"All children go to school to learn how to read and write," said his mother.

"You want to be able to read and write, don't you? Now please get up."

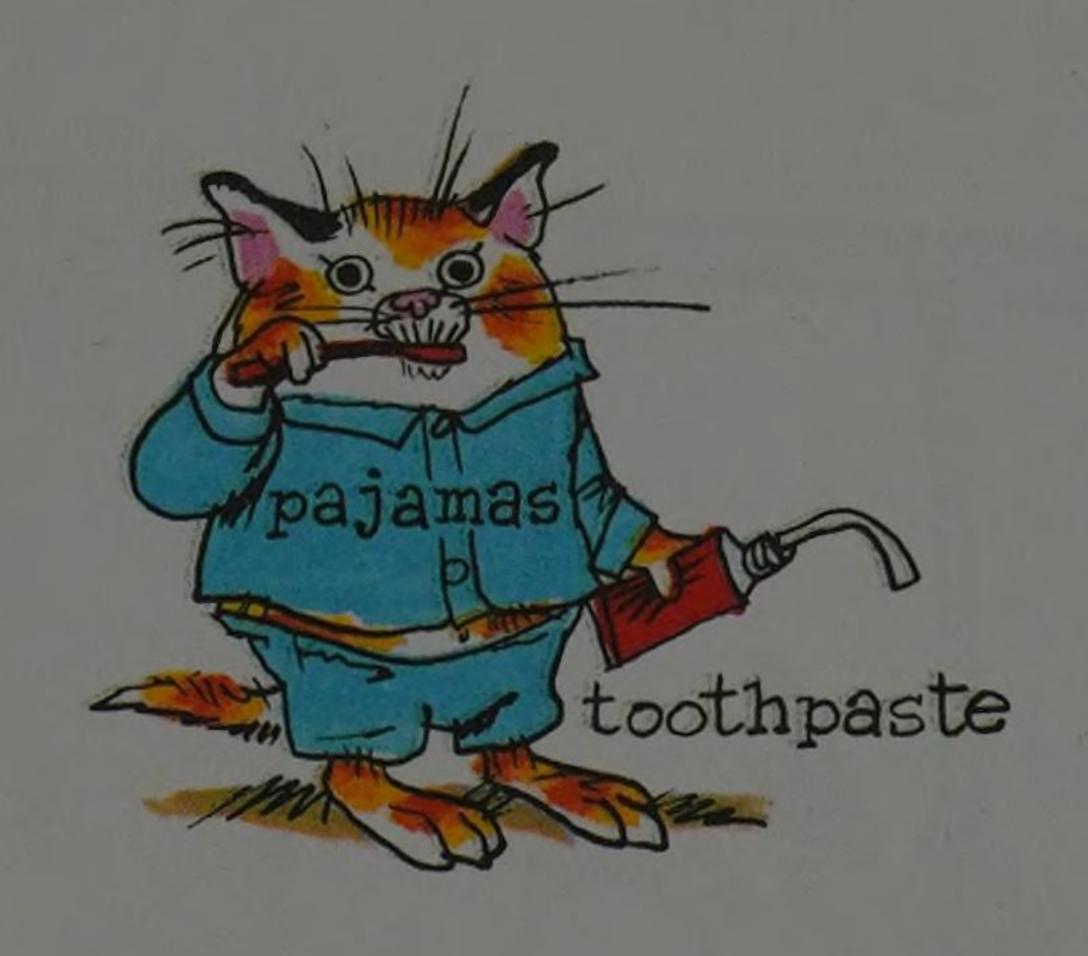
Huckle got up.

He yawned and rubbed the sleep out of his eyes.

He walked to the bathroom.



He washed his face with soap and warm water.



He brushed his teeth.

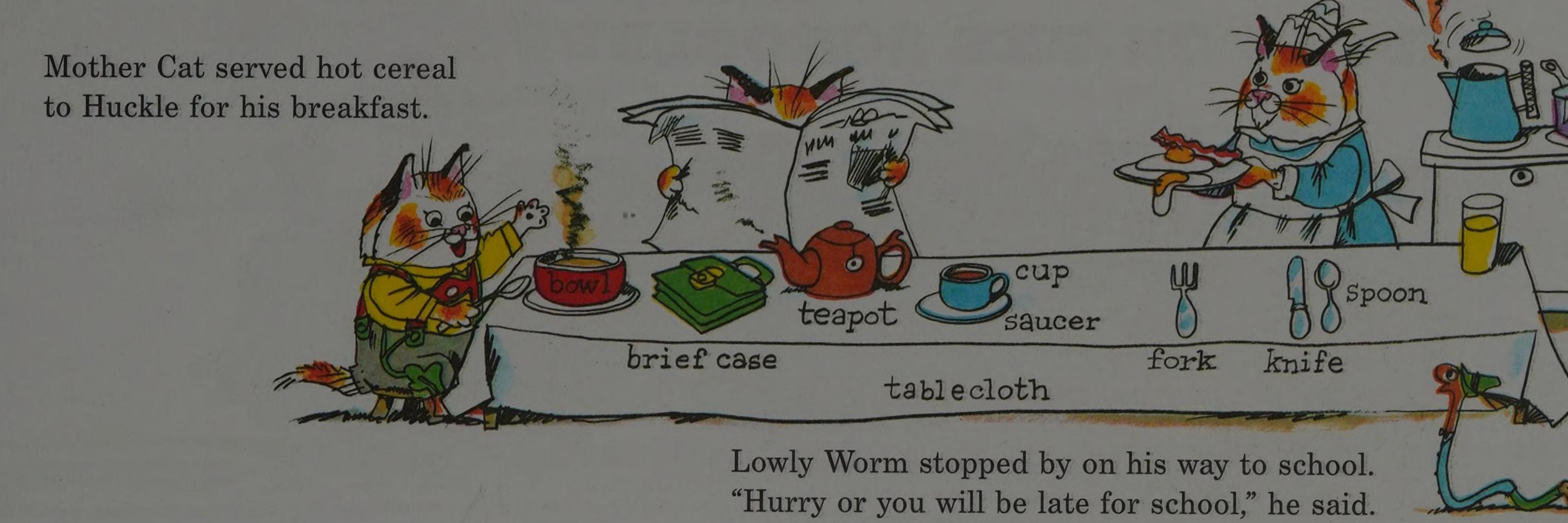


He combed his hair with cold water.



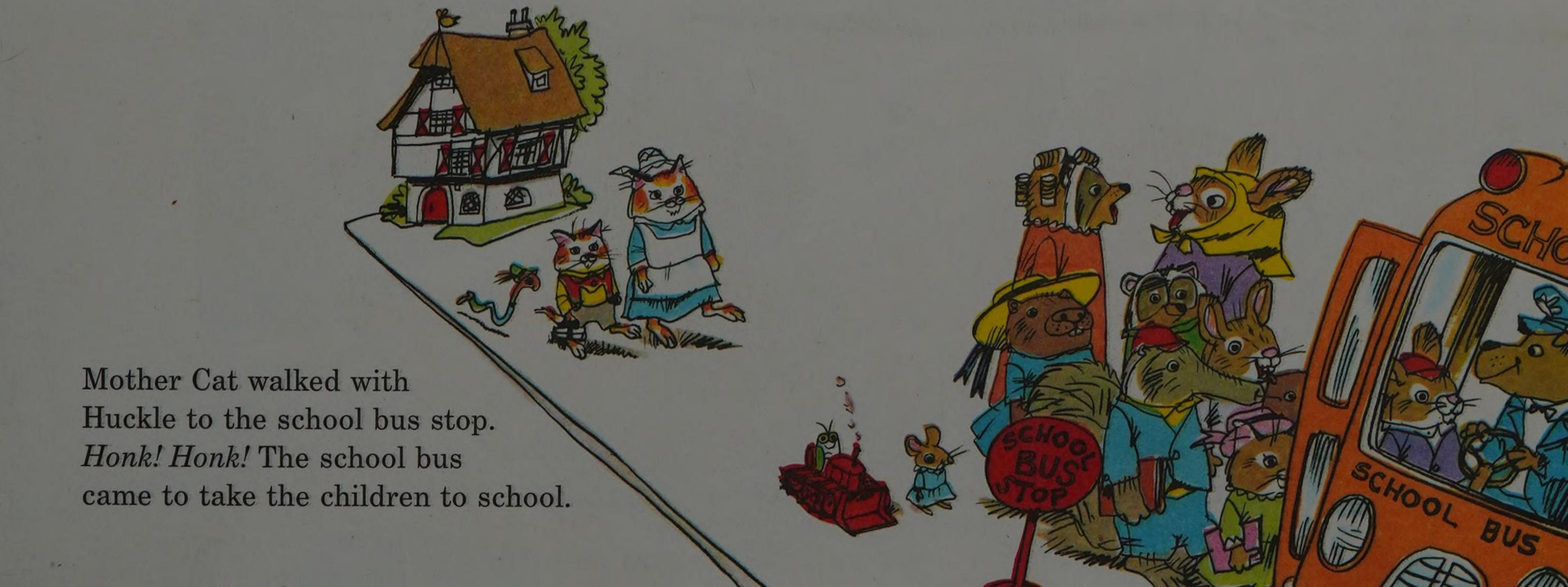
Then Huckle got dressed.

That is NOT the way to put on your pants, Huckle!





"LATE! My goodness! I am late for work," said Father Cat. He picked up his briefcase and ran. Oh dear! He picked up the tablecloth, too!



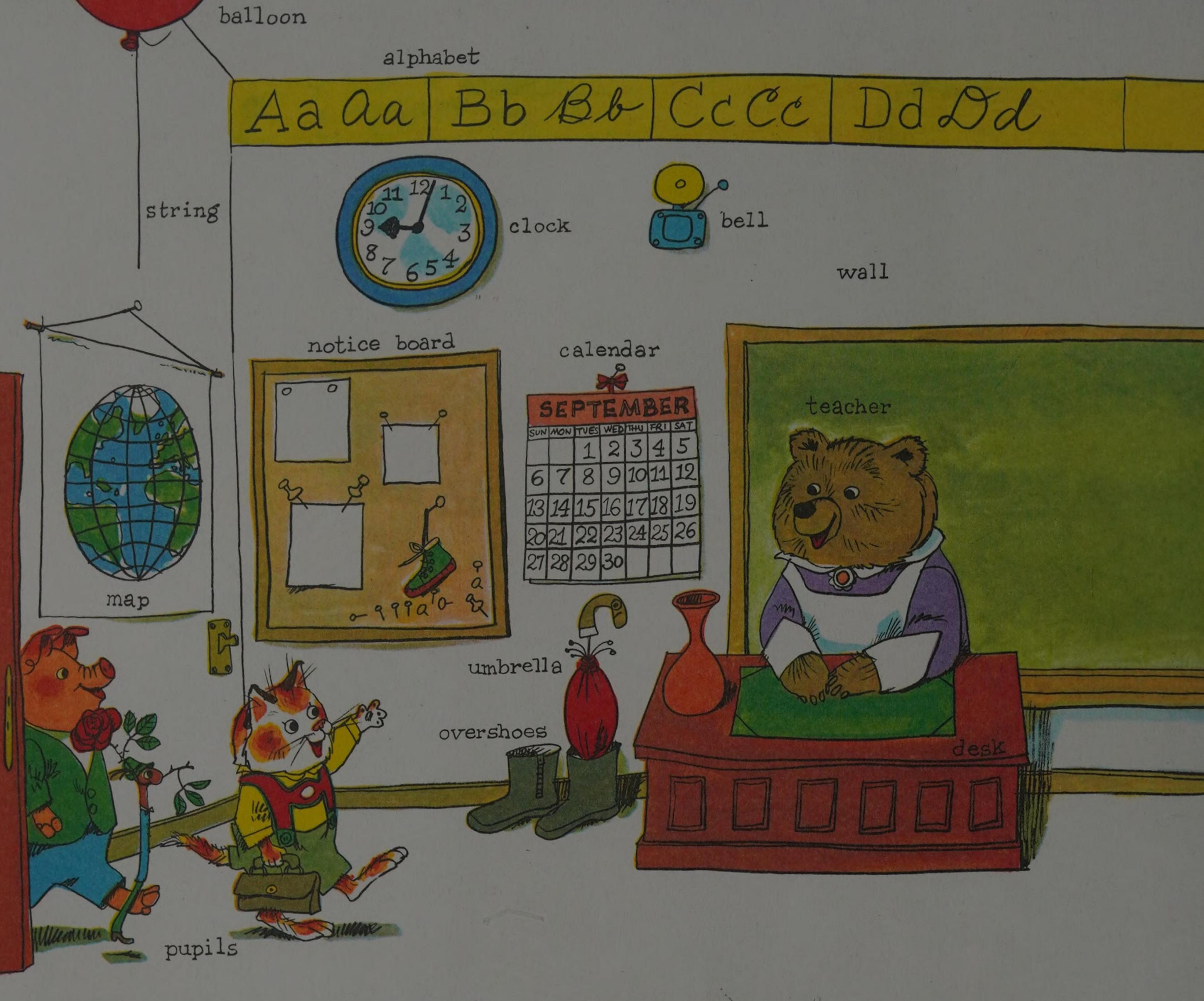
## RIDING ON THE SCHOOLBUS











#### THE CLASSROOM

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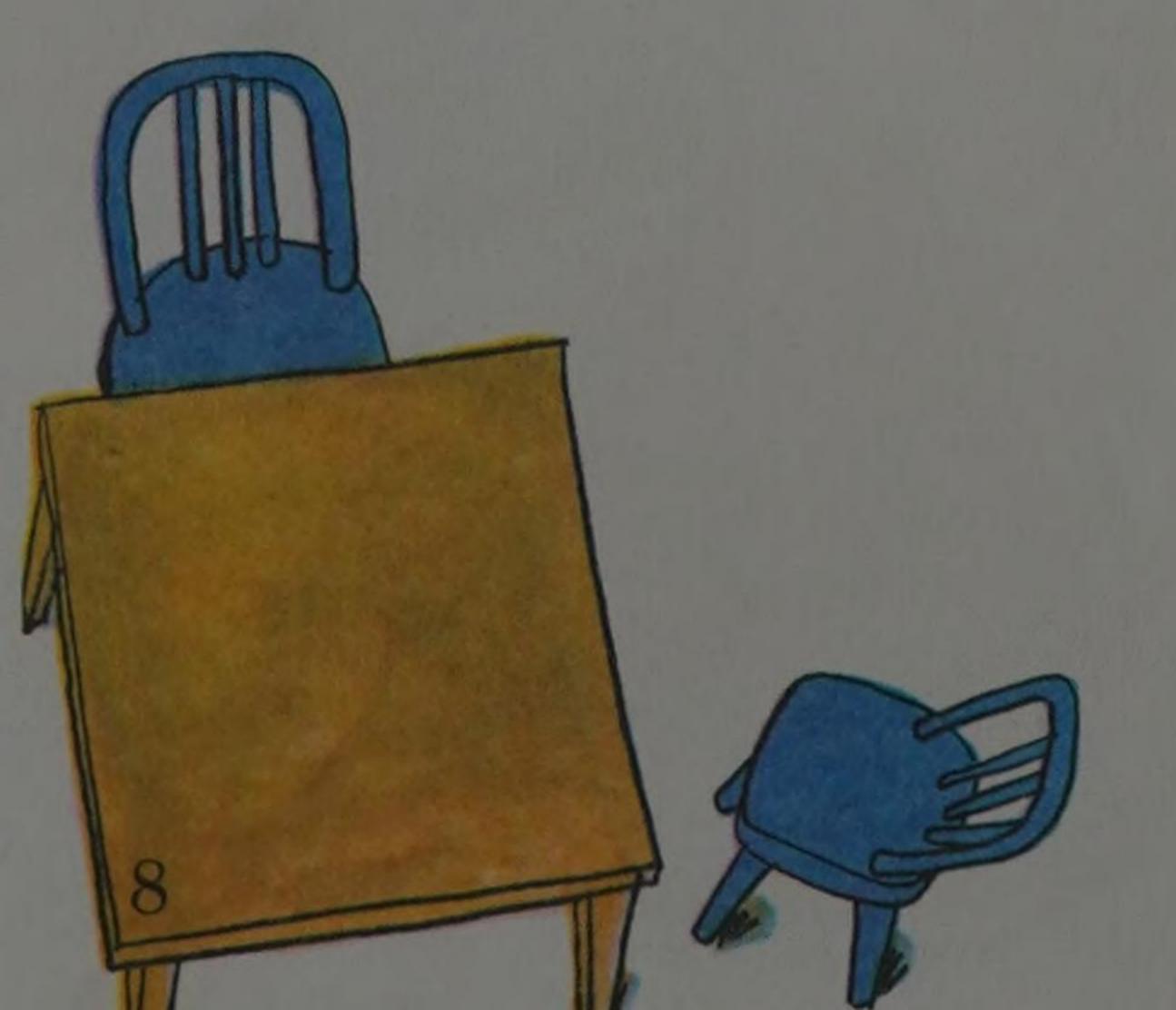
And behind the big desk sits Miss Honey, his teacher.

Every morning the pupils say, "Good morning, Miss Honey."

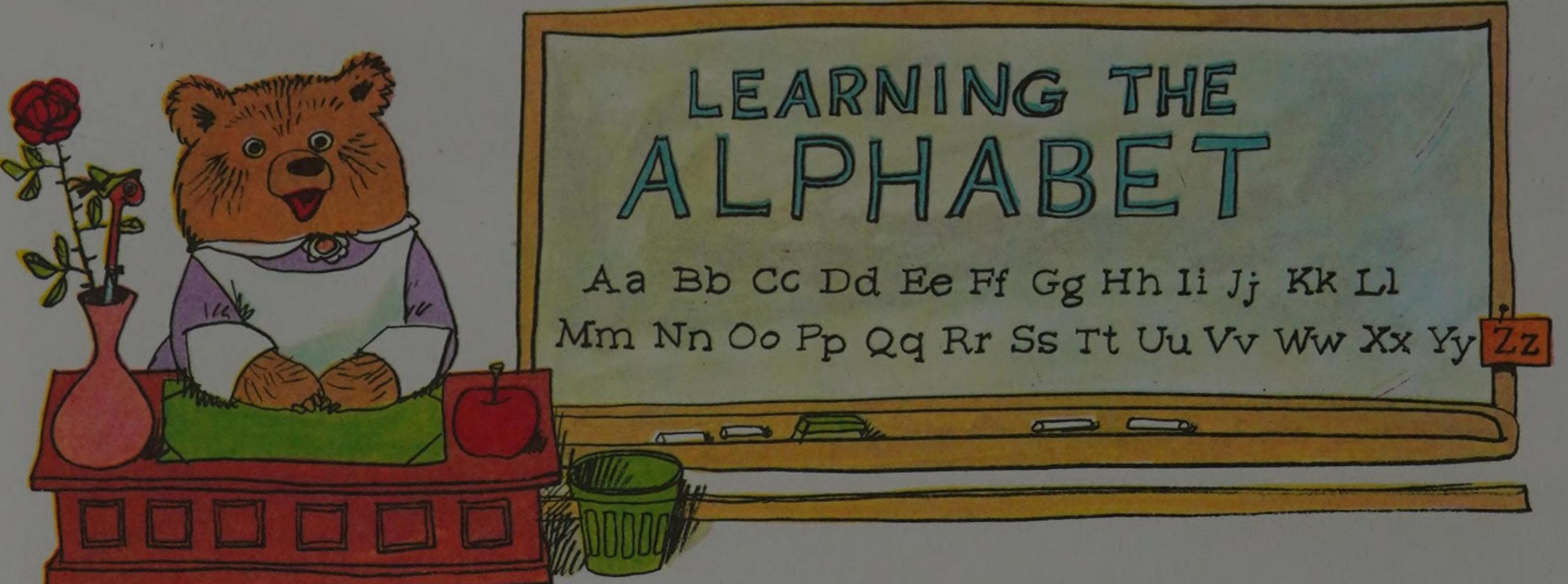
And every morning she says, "Good morning, children.

My, don't you look bright and fresh this morning!"

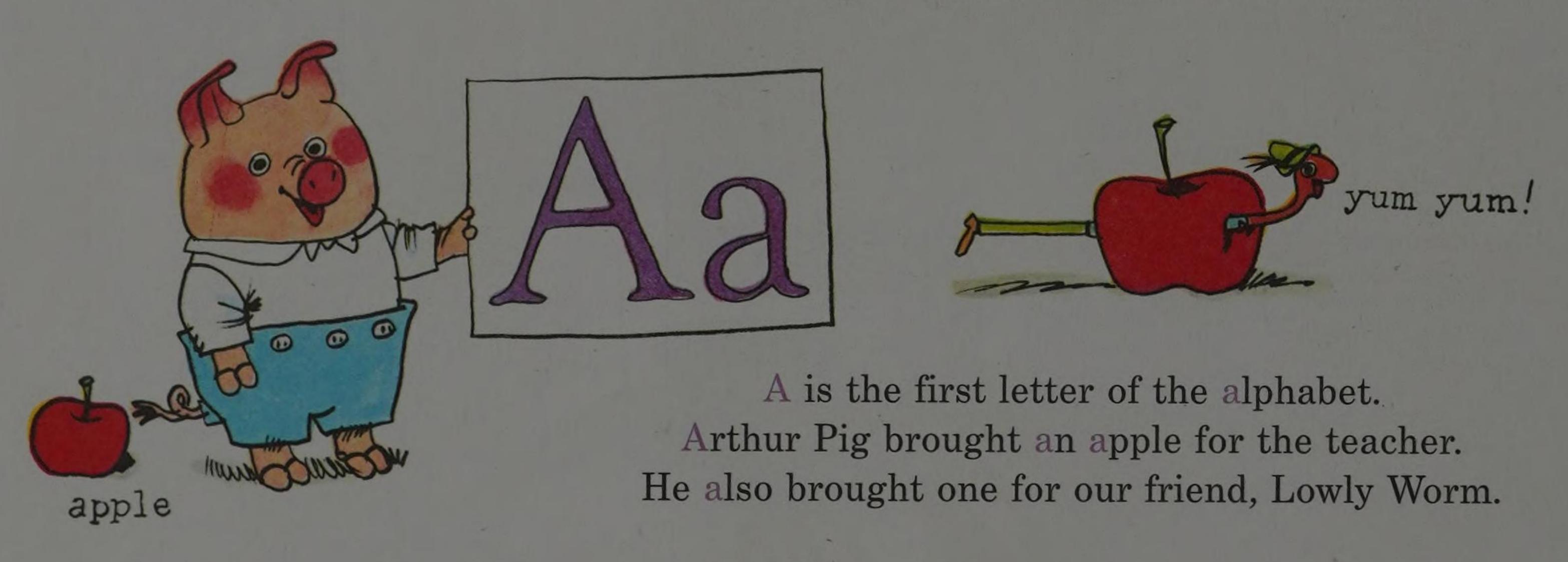
She always says that.

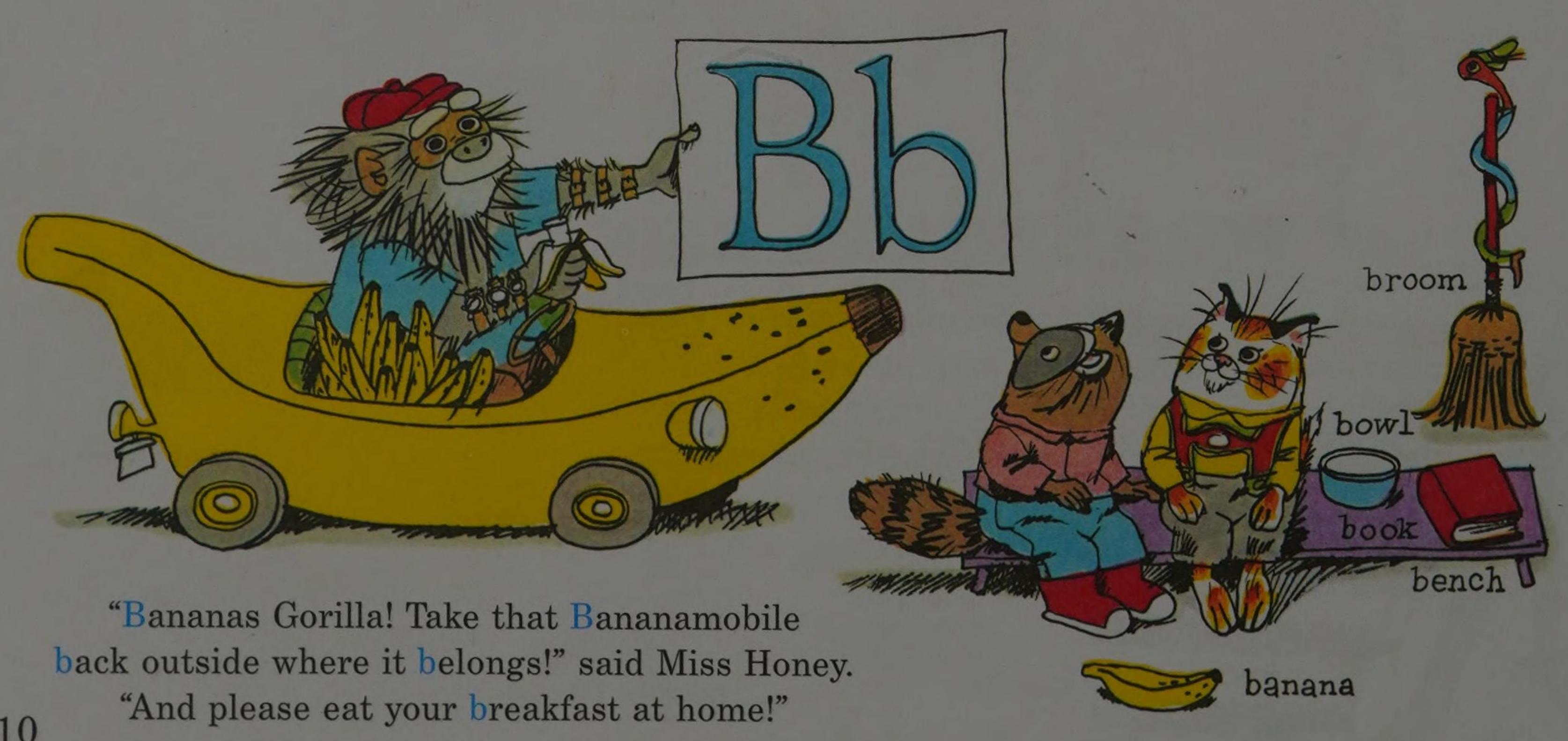


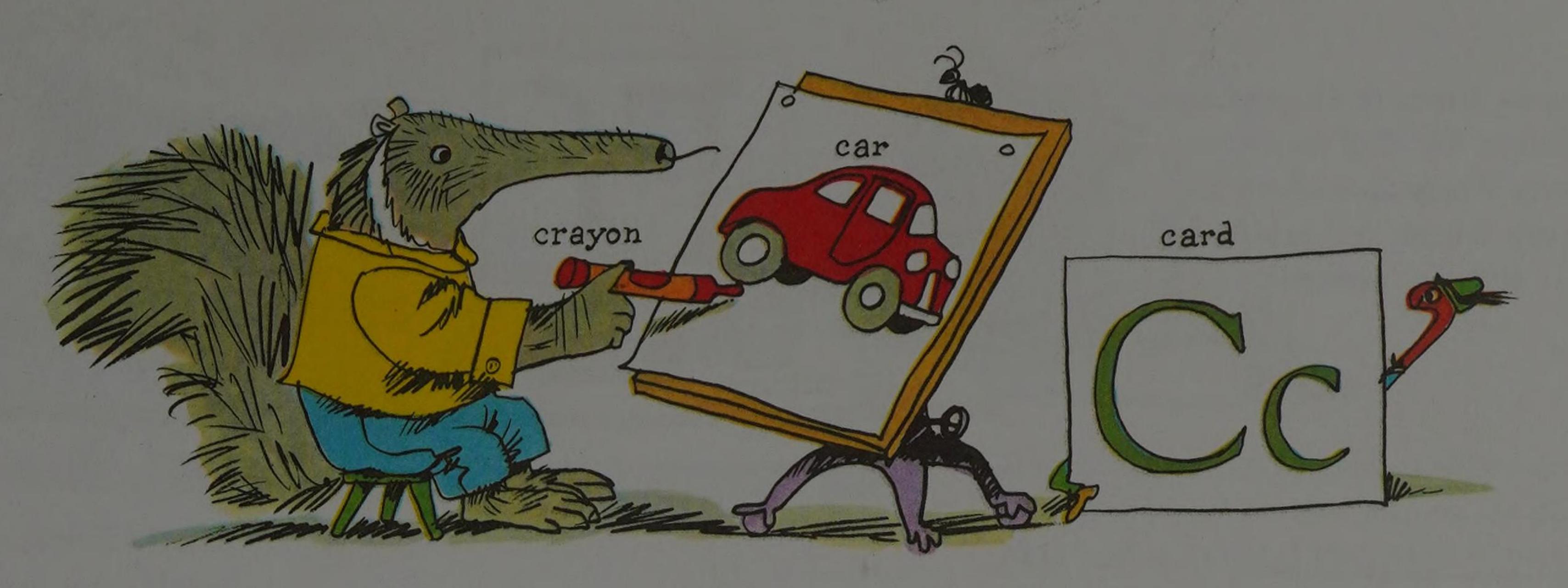




Each day Miss Honey teaches her class something new. Today she was going to teach them the alphabet. She gave each child a card with one of the letters of the alphabet on it. Everyone tried to think of words that began with the letters on the cards.

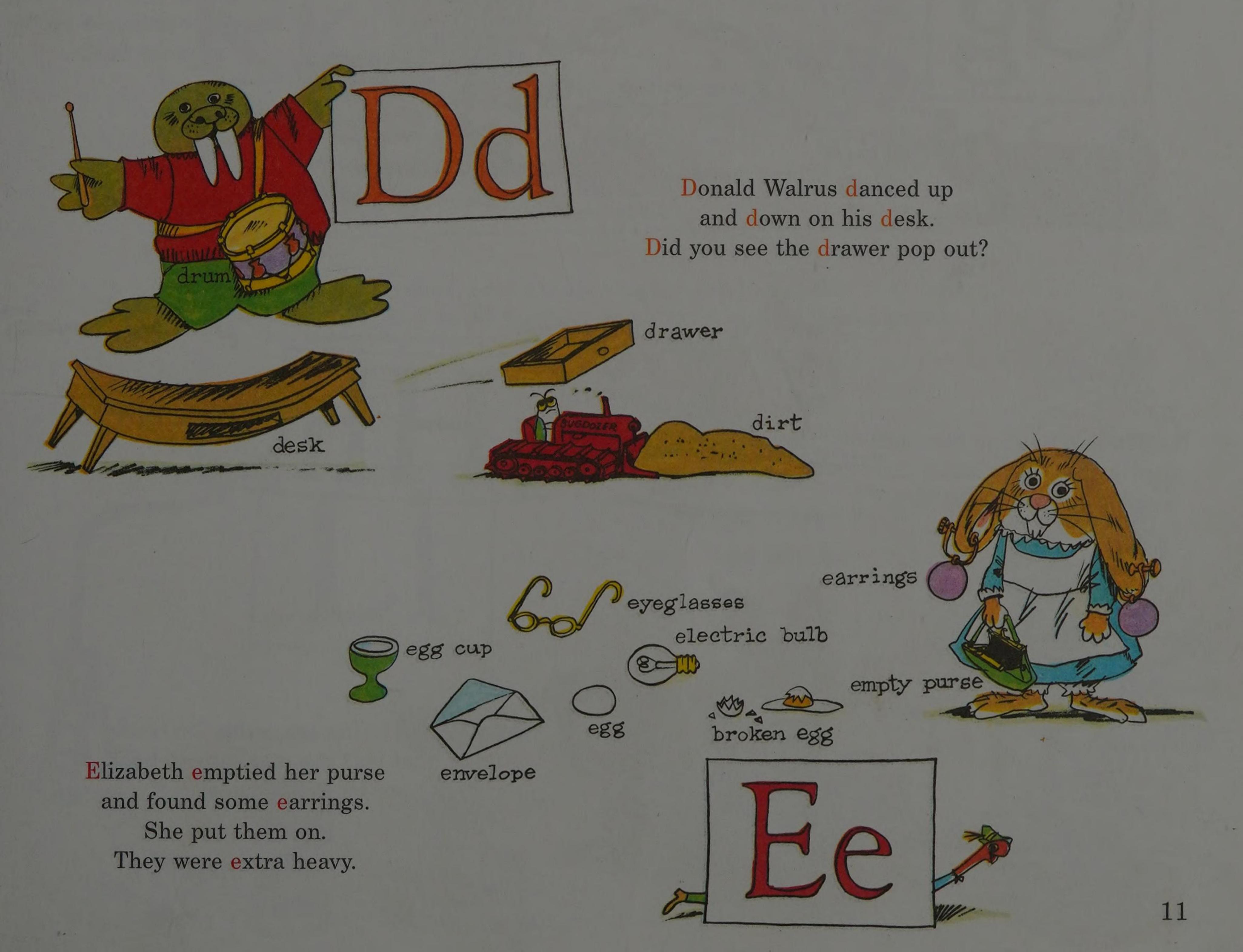






Charles Anteater drew a car with his crayon.

He showed it to the class.



Frances Raccoon showed the children her doll furniture.
Lowly Worm turned on the bathtub faucet and pretended to be a fountain.

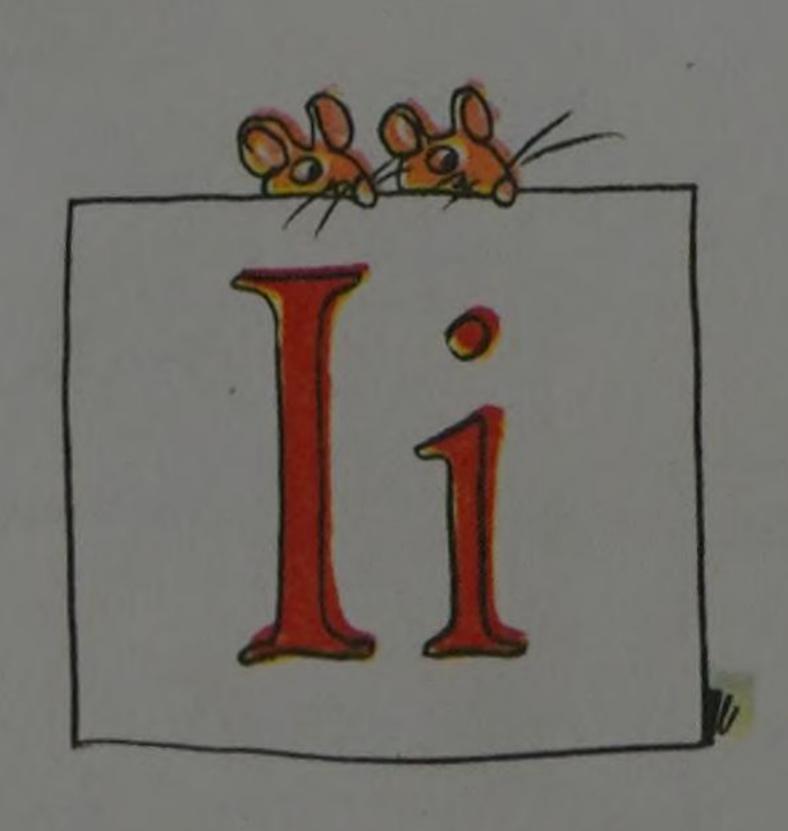




Gloria Fox strung glass beads on a green string.
She forgot that there are two ends to a piece of string.
Bugdozer gathered up the runaway beads.

Huckle blew hard on his horn.
Lowly was hiding inside it.
Now Lowly knows how to fly!

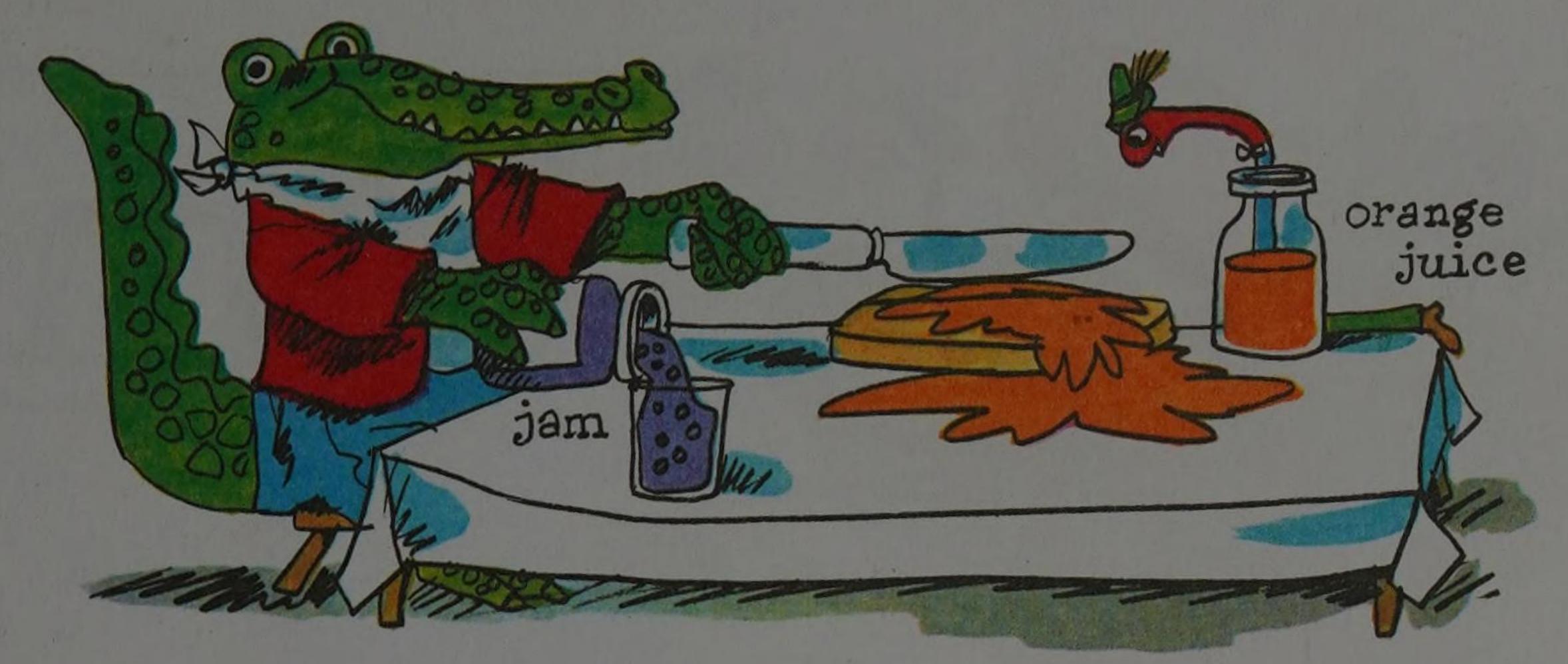


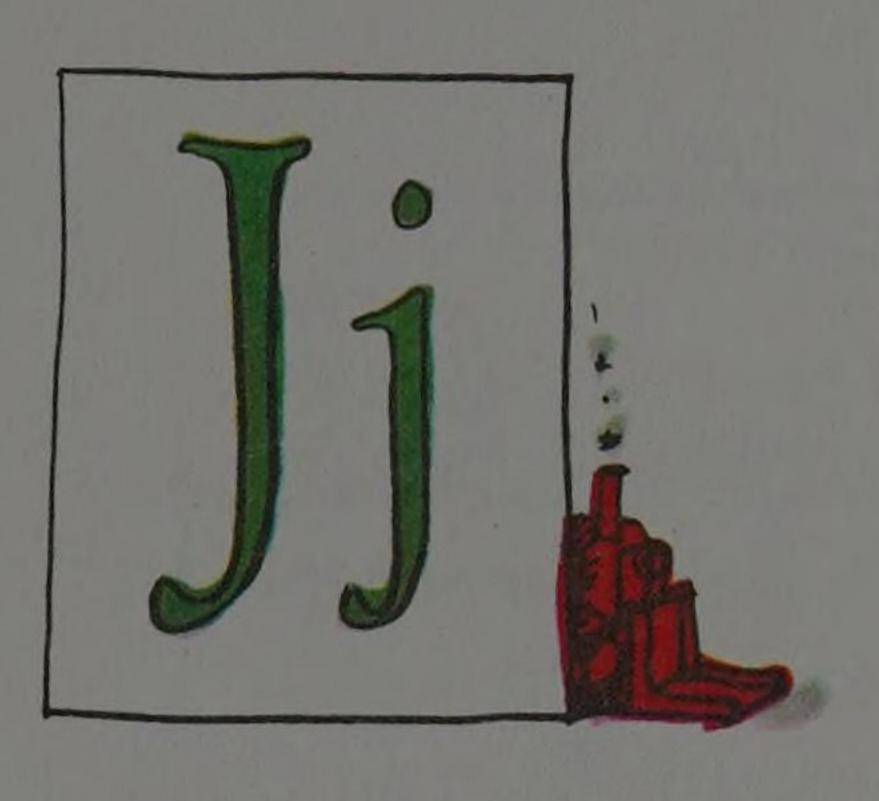




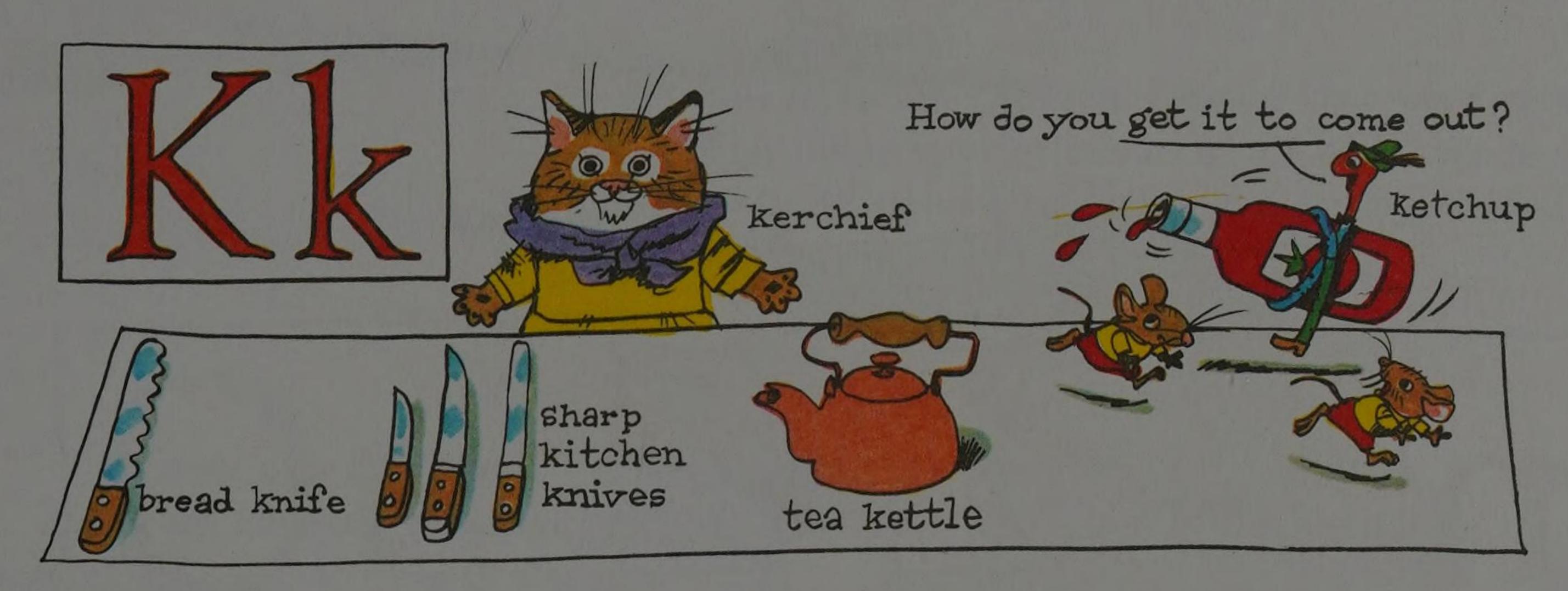
Isabelle and Irving are eating ice cream.

Irving, that isn't the ideal way to hold
your ice cream cone!

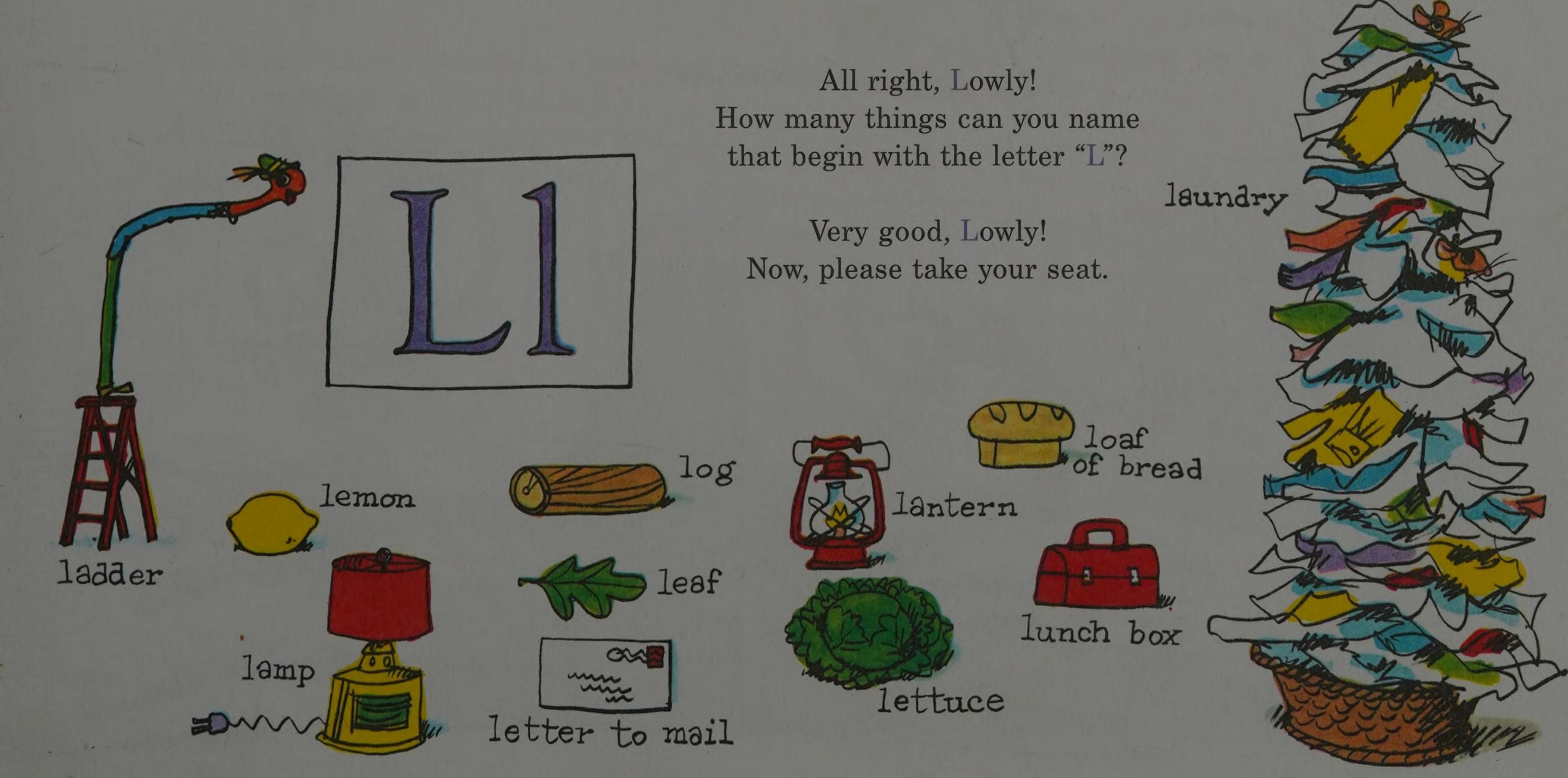




Jimmy Crocodile spread orange juice on his bread and poured jam in his glass. Now just a minute! Isn't that wrong?



Kathy is wearing a kerchief. Lowly is shaking the ketchup. Kathy is showing us things that are used in the kitchen. Never touch sharp kitchen knives.



Mildred Hippo is a magician.

She can make things disappear.

She put a melon in her mouth.

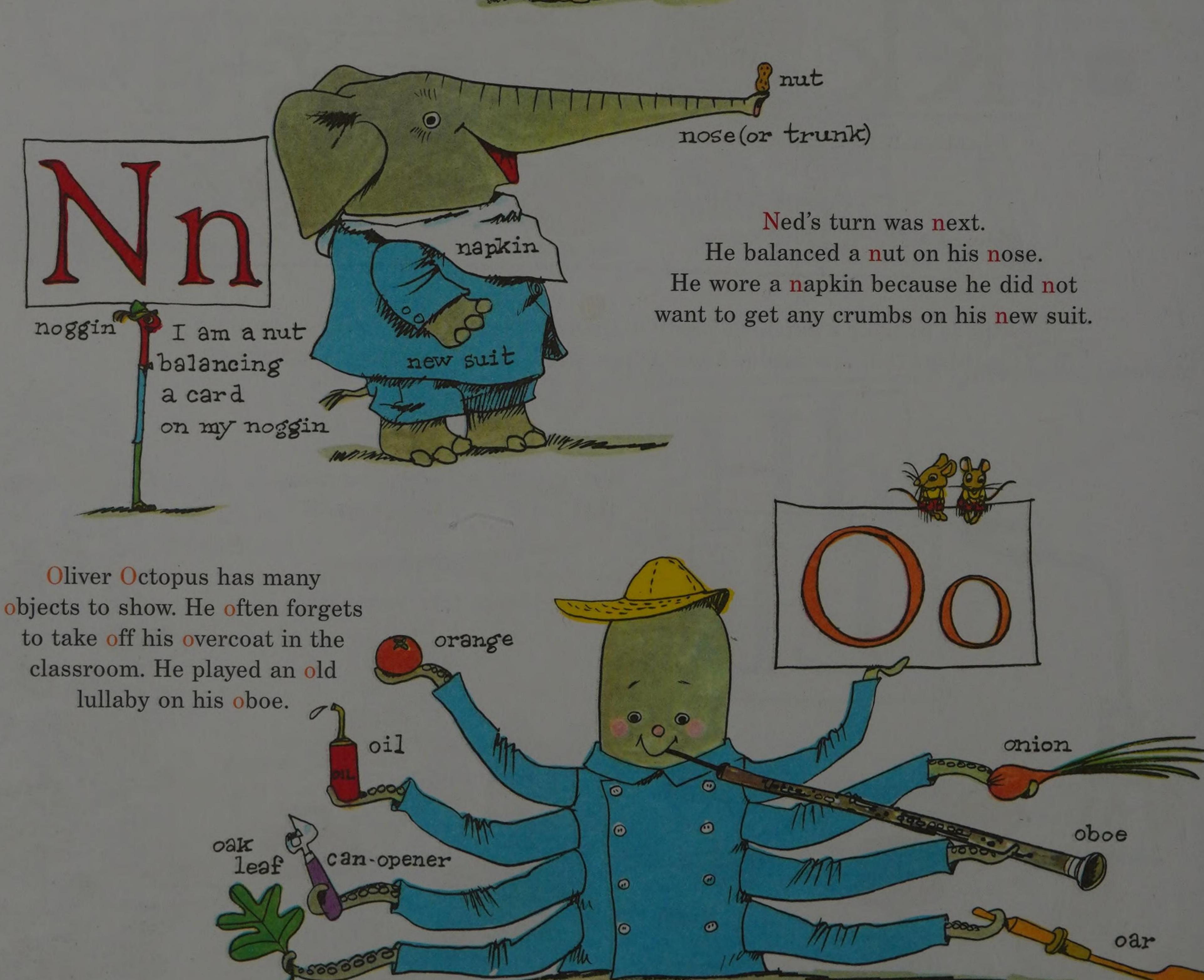
She munched on it.

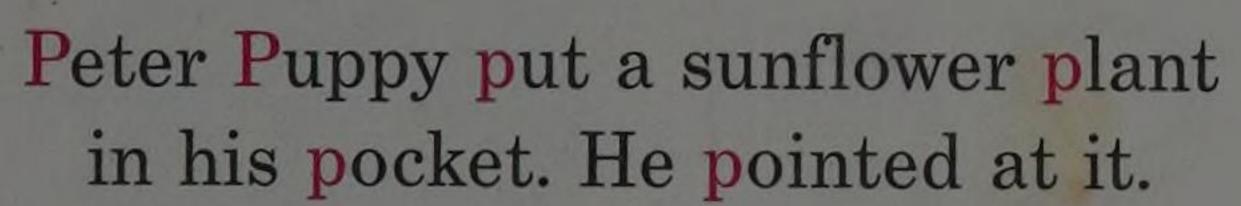
It disappeared! Mmmm! Good!

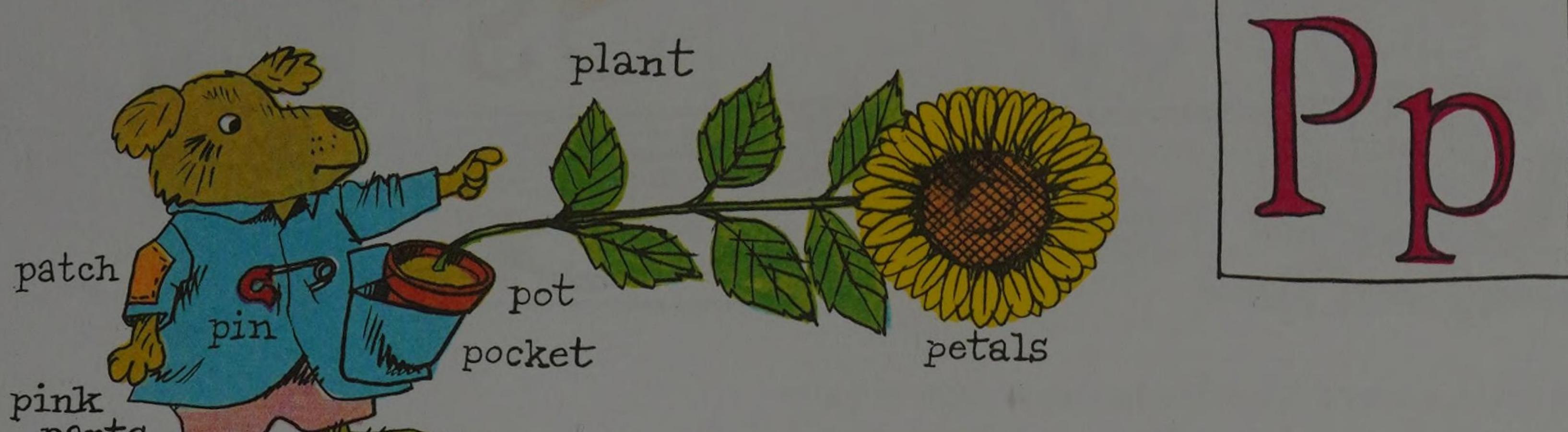
My! What a marvelous trick!







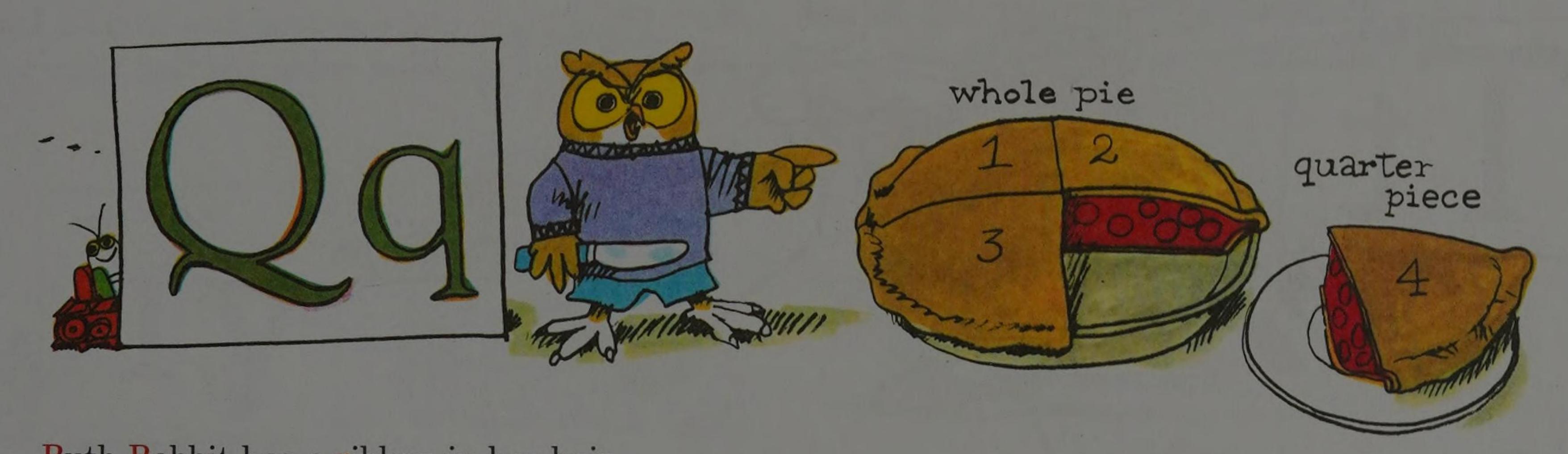




Please be quiet, children. Oswald Owl has a question to ask you.

"How many quarter pieces of pie are there in one whole pie?"

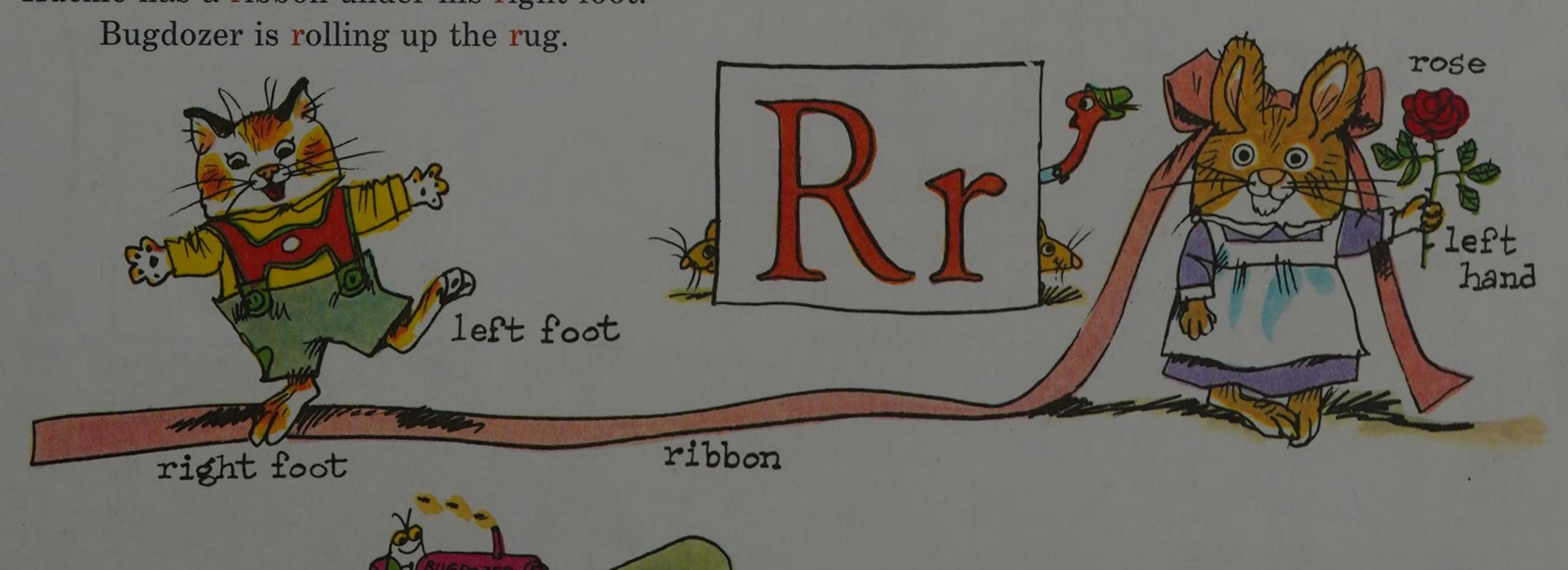
You are quite right! Each whole pie can be divided into four quarters.

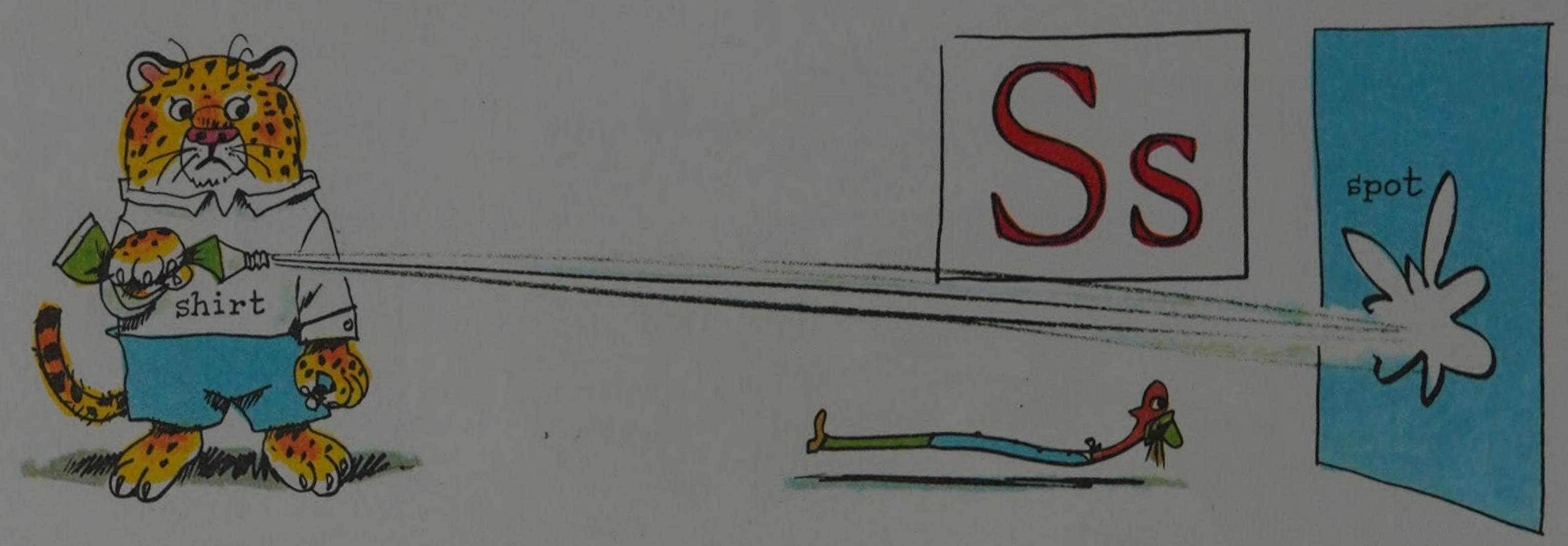


Ruth Rabbit has a ribbon in her hair.

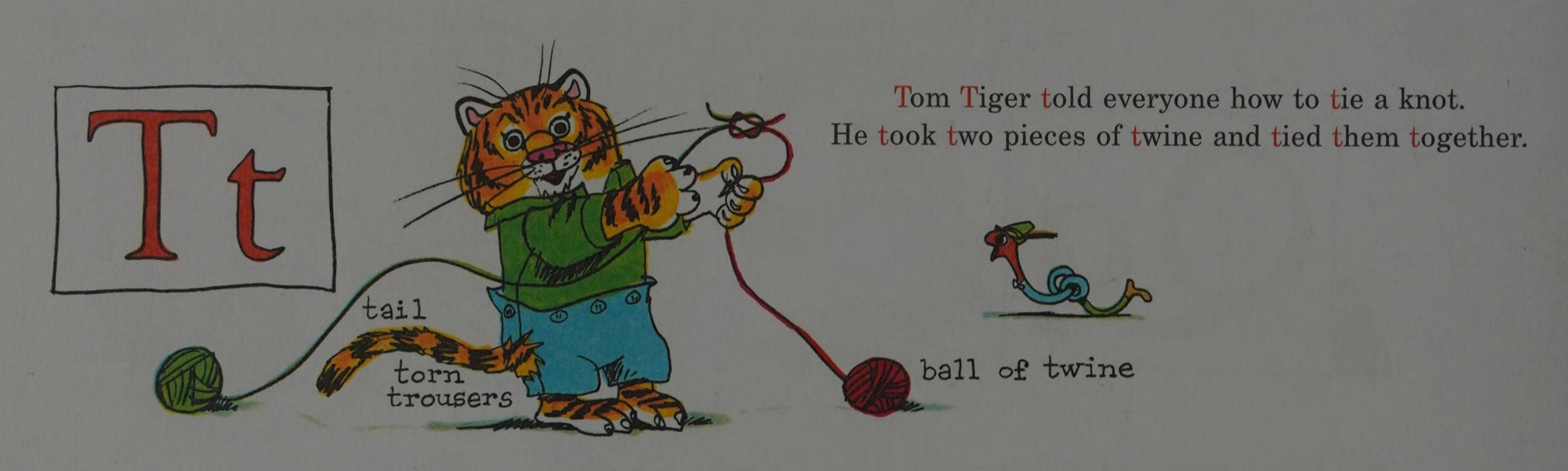
She has a rose in her left hand.

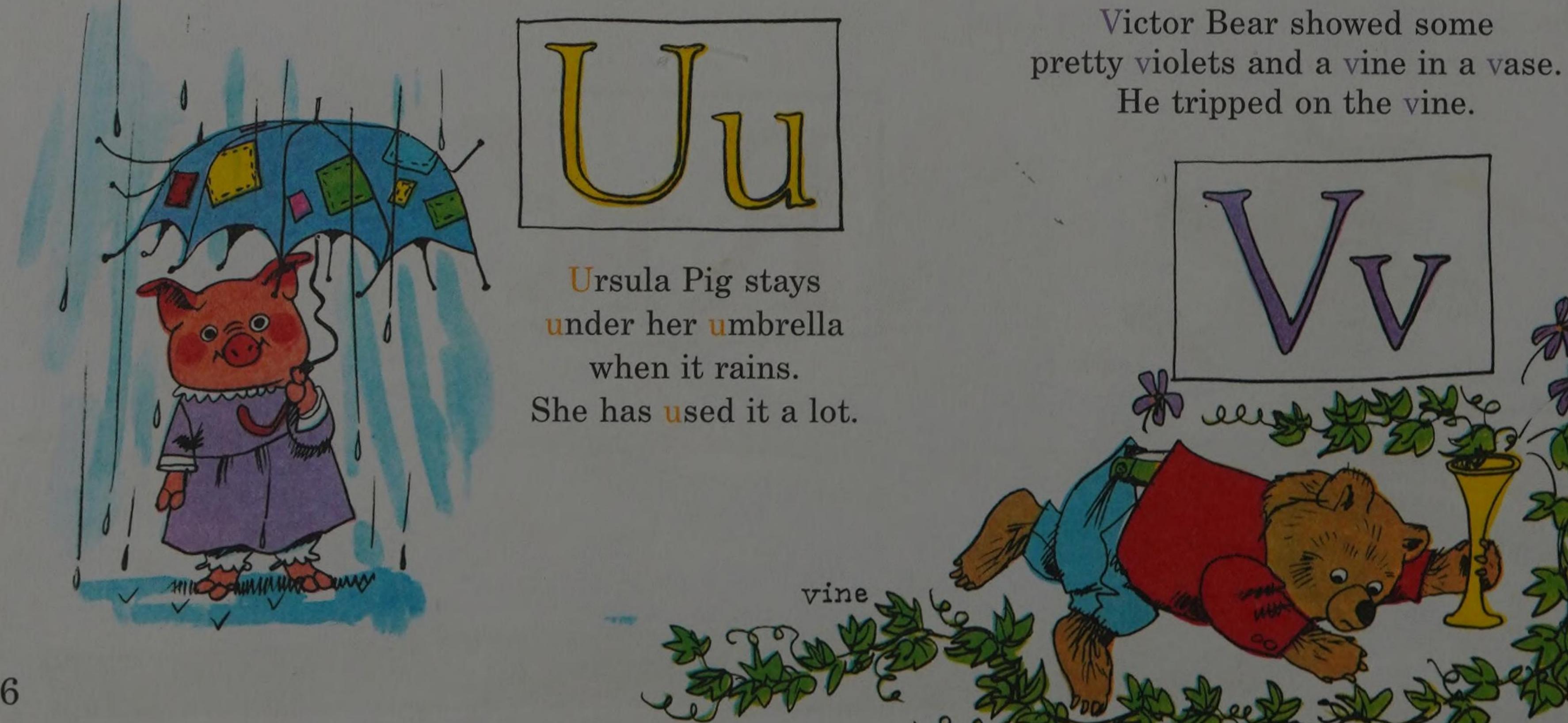
Huckle has a ribbon under his right foot.



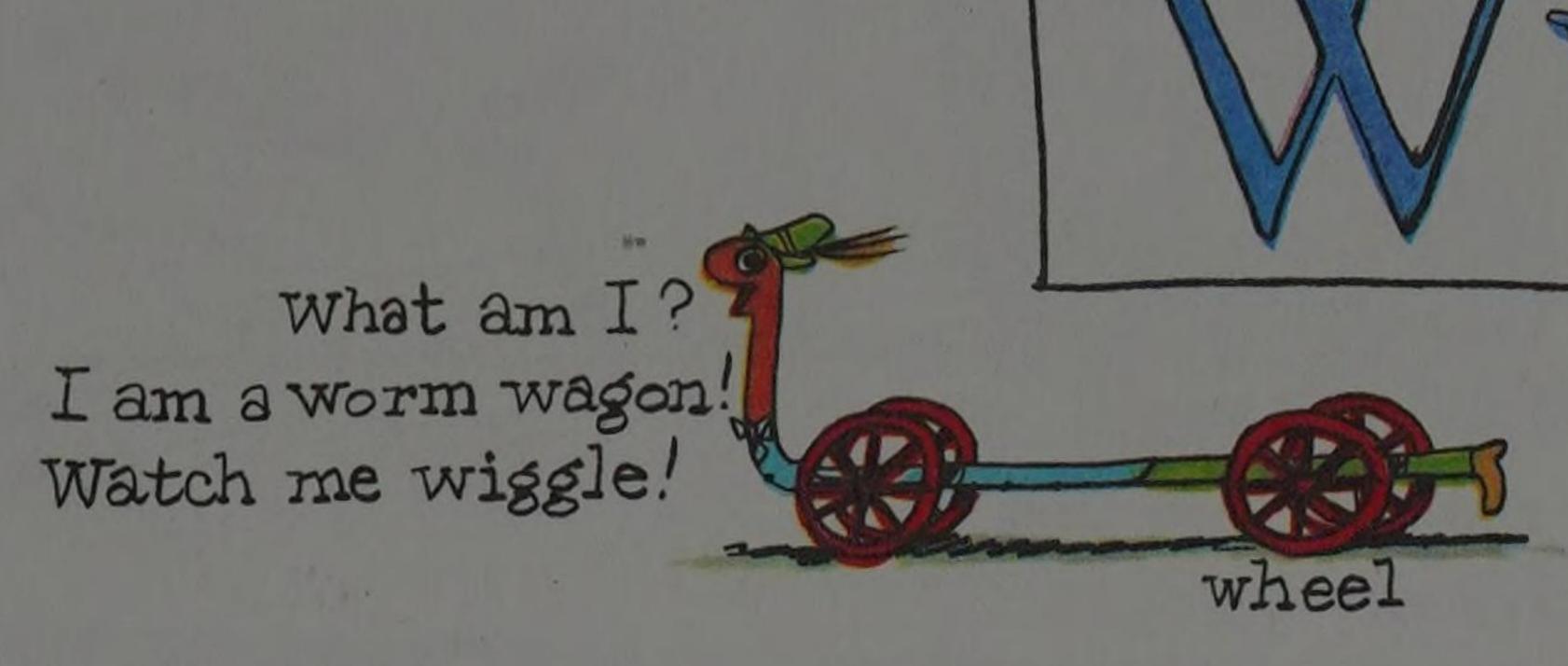


Spotty Leopard showed his schoolmates a tube of paste. He squeezed it. It squirted. It made a spot. Paste is sticky. Miss Honey told Spotty to get some soap and water.



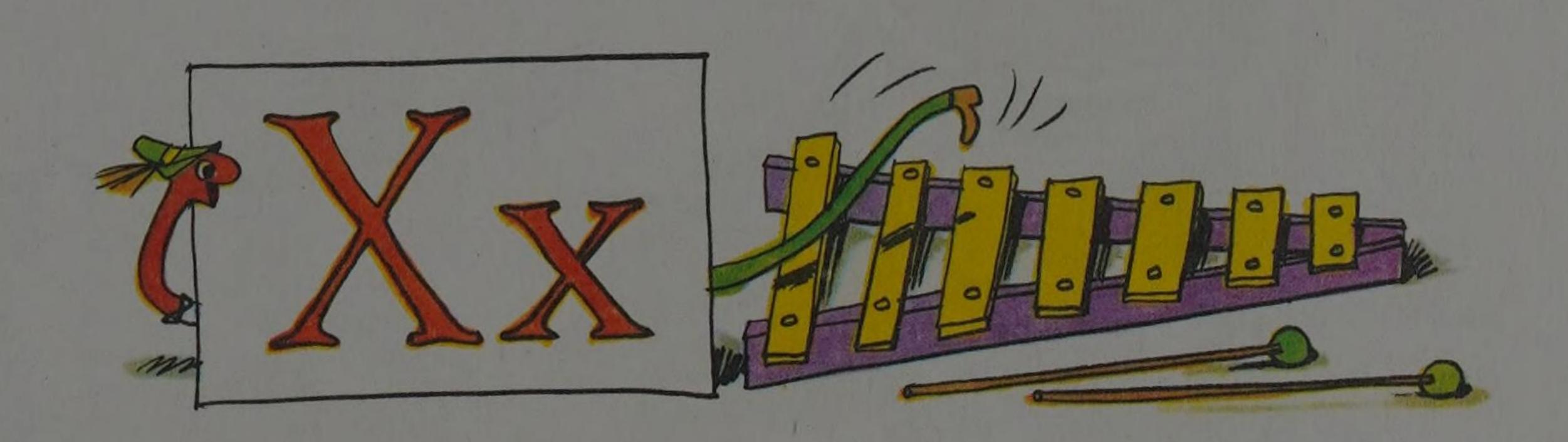






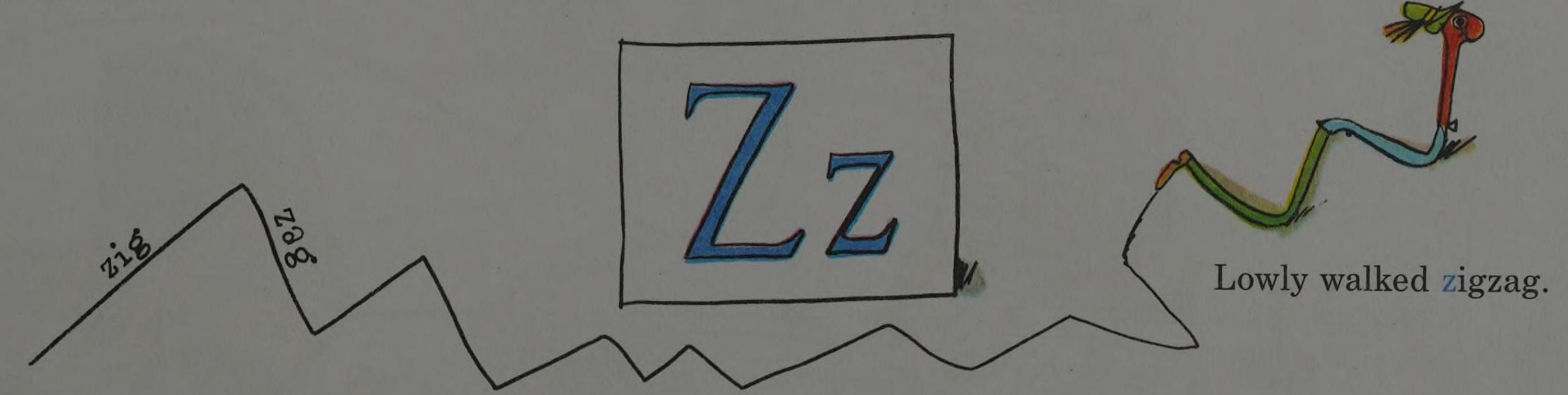
Willy Fox can't think of one word that begins with a "W." Can you help him?

Lowly showed the class how he plays the xylophone with one foot.





Yvonne dropped an egg on the floor so everyone could see the yellow yolk inside.



"Very good!" said Miss Honey. "Now, let us all recite our ABC's! Begin!"

ABCD... EFG... HIJK... LMN... O. P. QRS... TUV... W... X...Y.. Z

Now I've said my ABC's;
tell me what you think of me



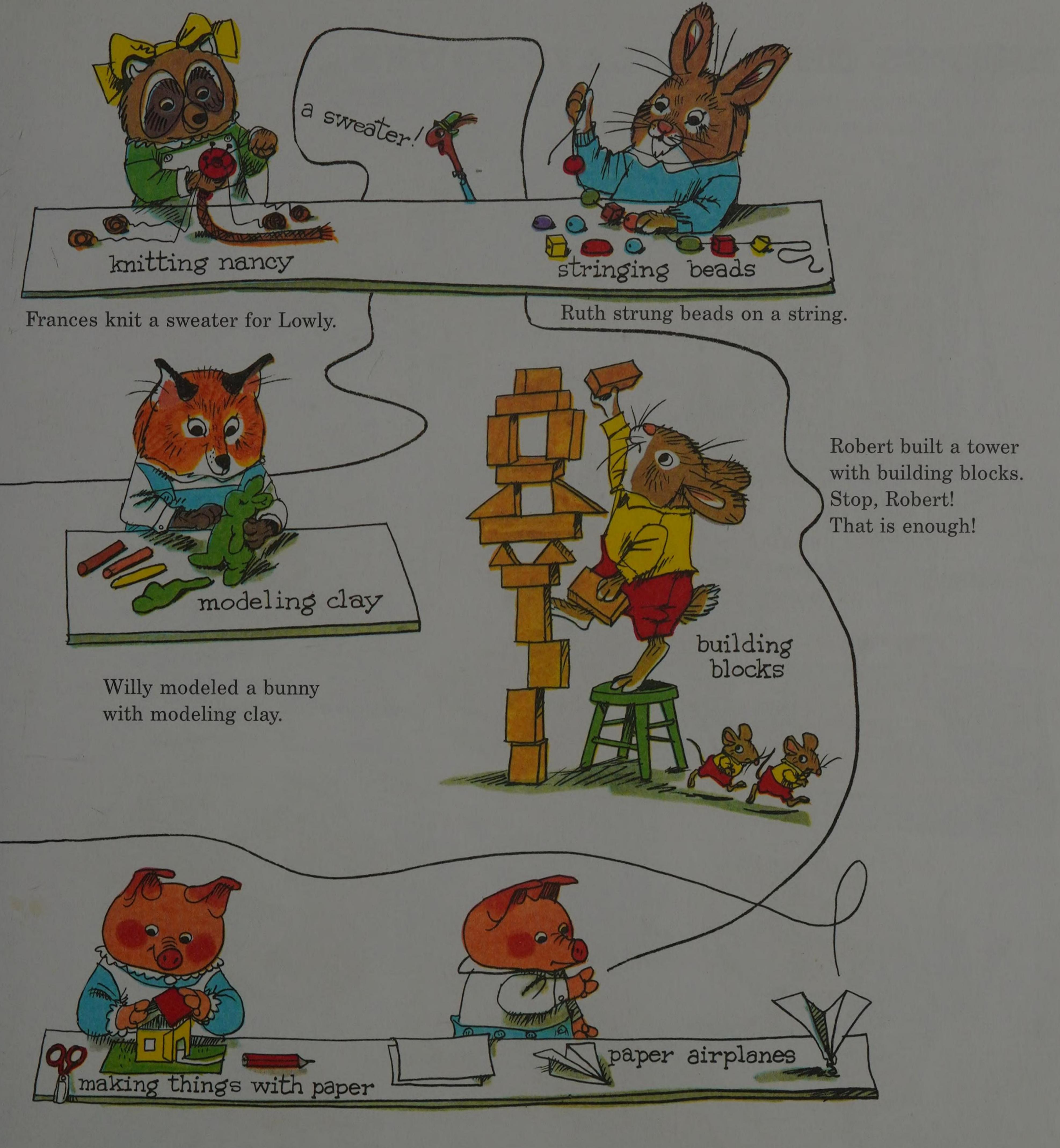
### MAKING THINGS

Miss Honey showed us how to make all kinds of exciting things with a few simple materials and tools.



Huckle cut pictures out of old magazines and made a scrapbook.

Charlie colored a coloring book with crayons.



Mary cut out pieces of paper and folded them. She made a doll house.

Arthur folded paper, too. He made paper airplanes. ARTHUR PIG! You know better than to throw things in class!

# RECESS ON THE PLAYGROUND

Every day the children have recess. Recess is a time for play. When the weather is nice they play in the schoolyard.



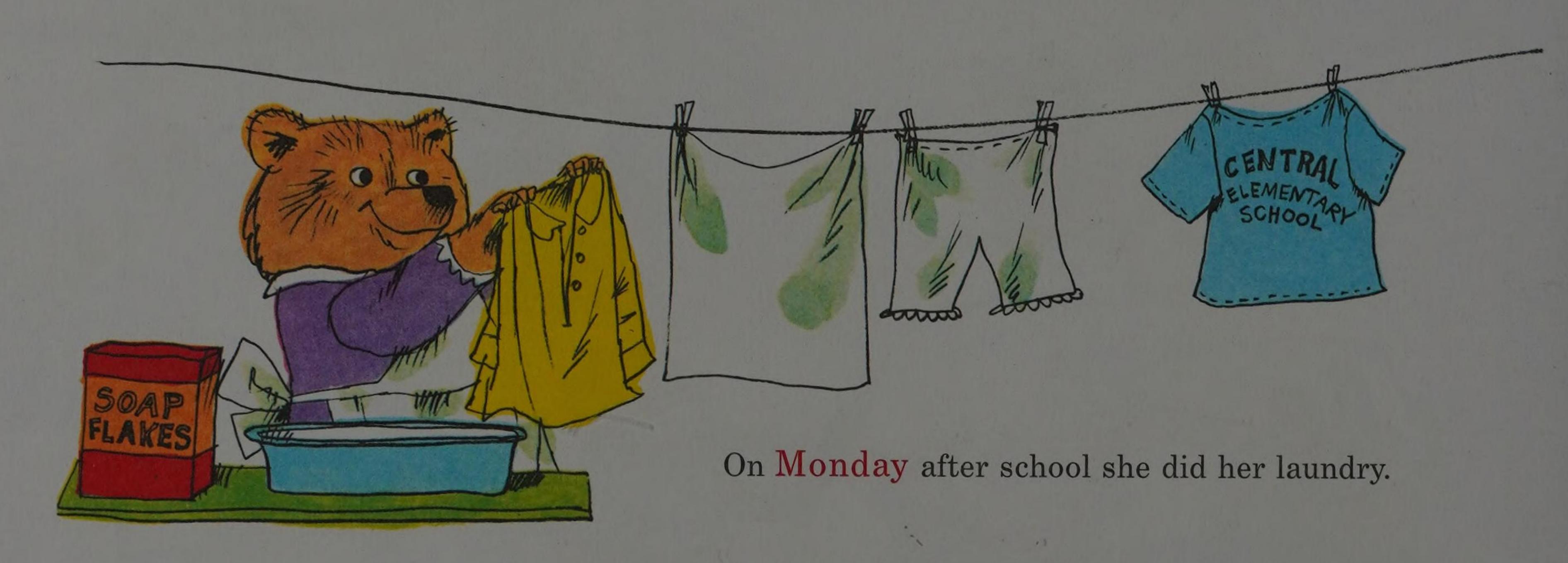


## THE DAYS OF THE WEEK

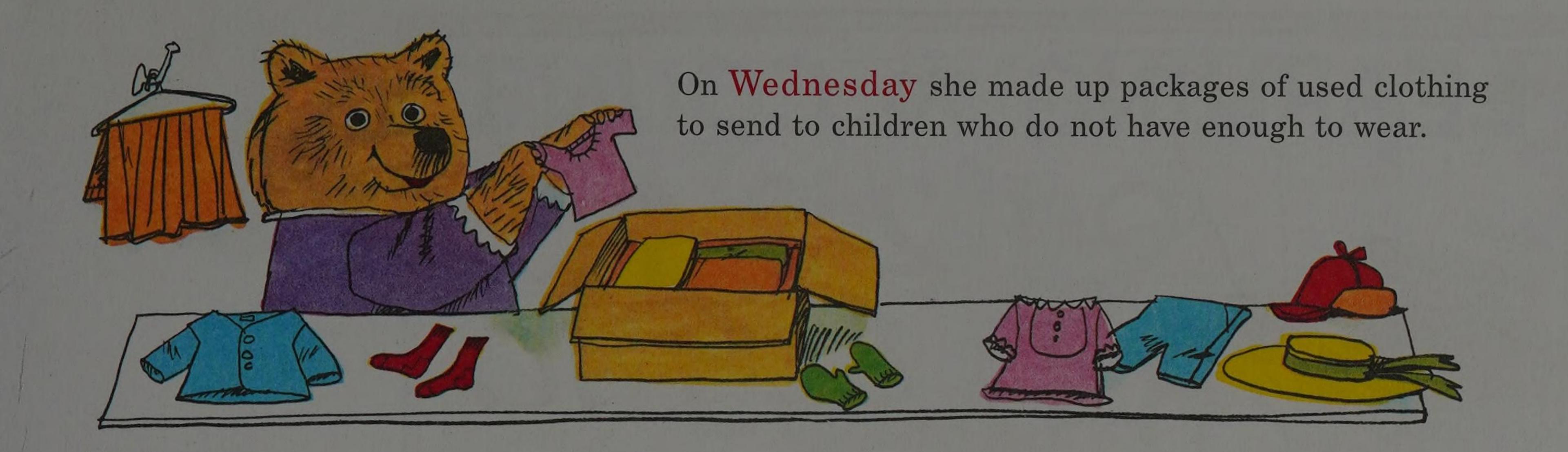
At school, Miss Honey teaches us many things. When she is not teaching, she is very busy doing other things.



On Sunday afternoon she drove out into the country with her friend Mr. Bruno to have a picnic. Picnics are always fun. Don't you think so?

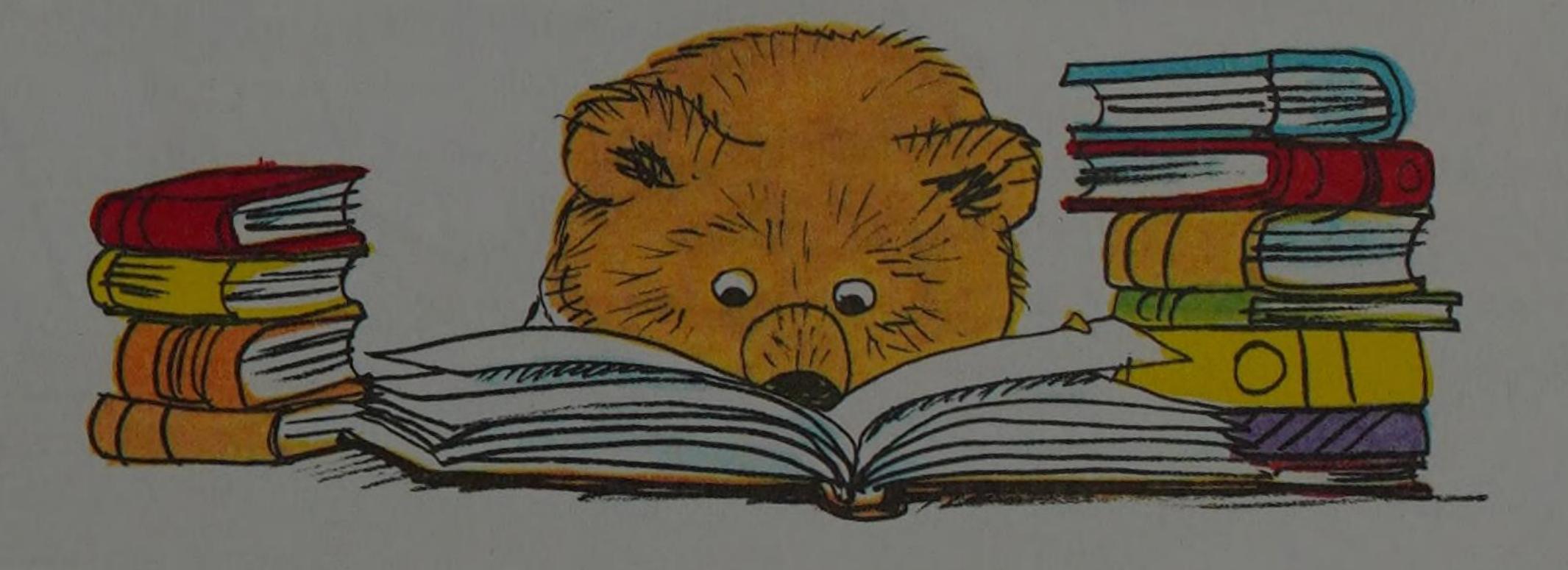






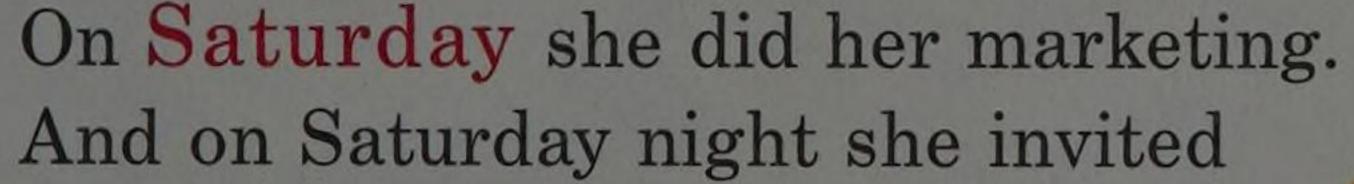
On Thursday she met with the principal and the other teachers to plan a school picnic.





On Friday she went to the library to read books and study.

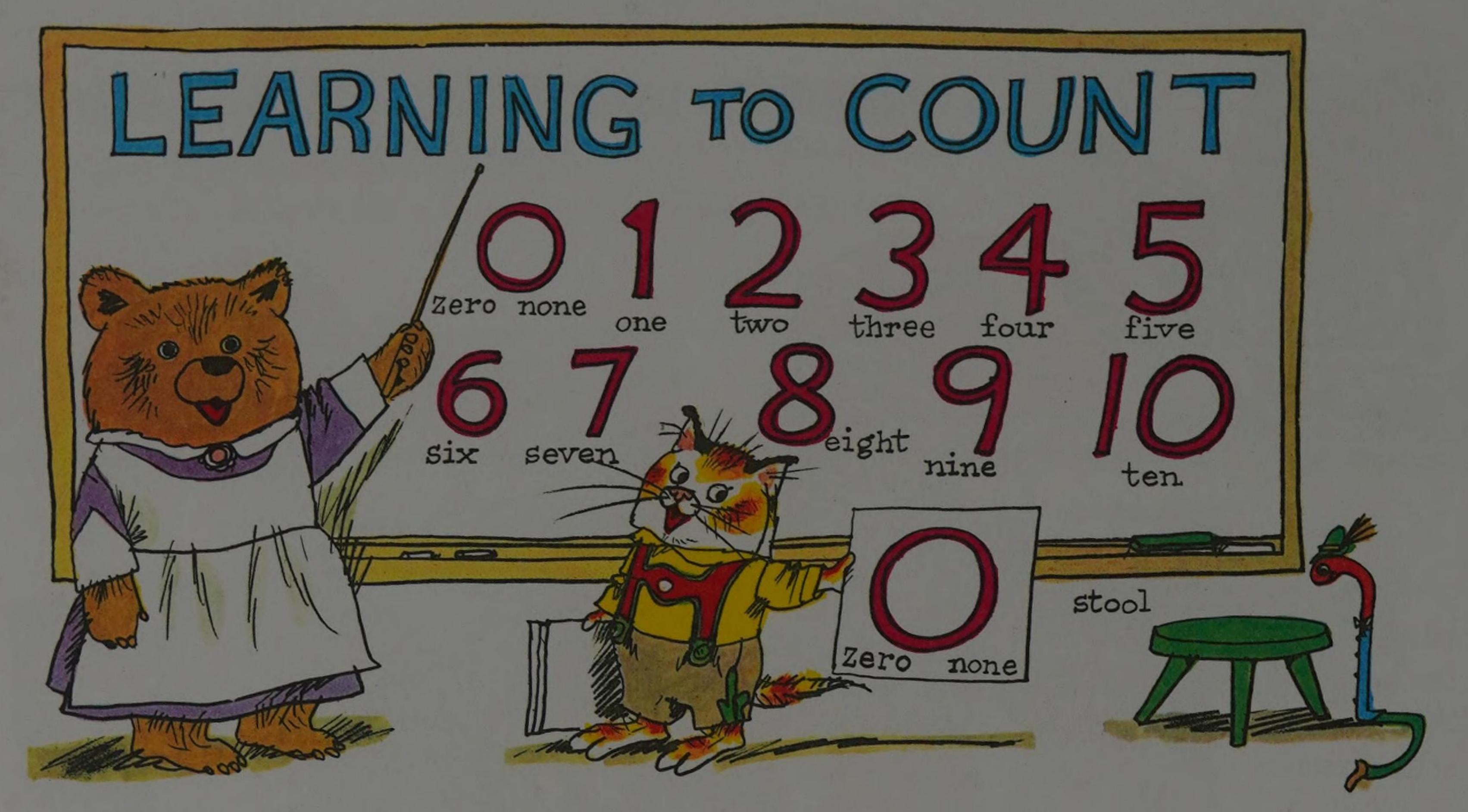
She is always learning new things to teach her children.



Mr. Bruno for supper. He always brings flowers when he visits.
After supper he took Miss Honey to the movies.

You are a very busy lady, Miss Honey!





"Now we shall learn how to count," said Miss Honey.

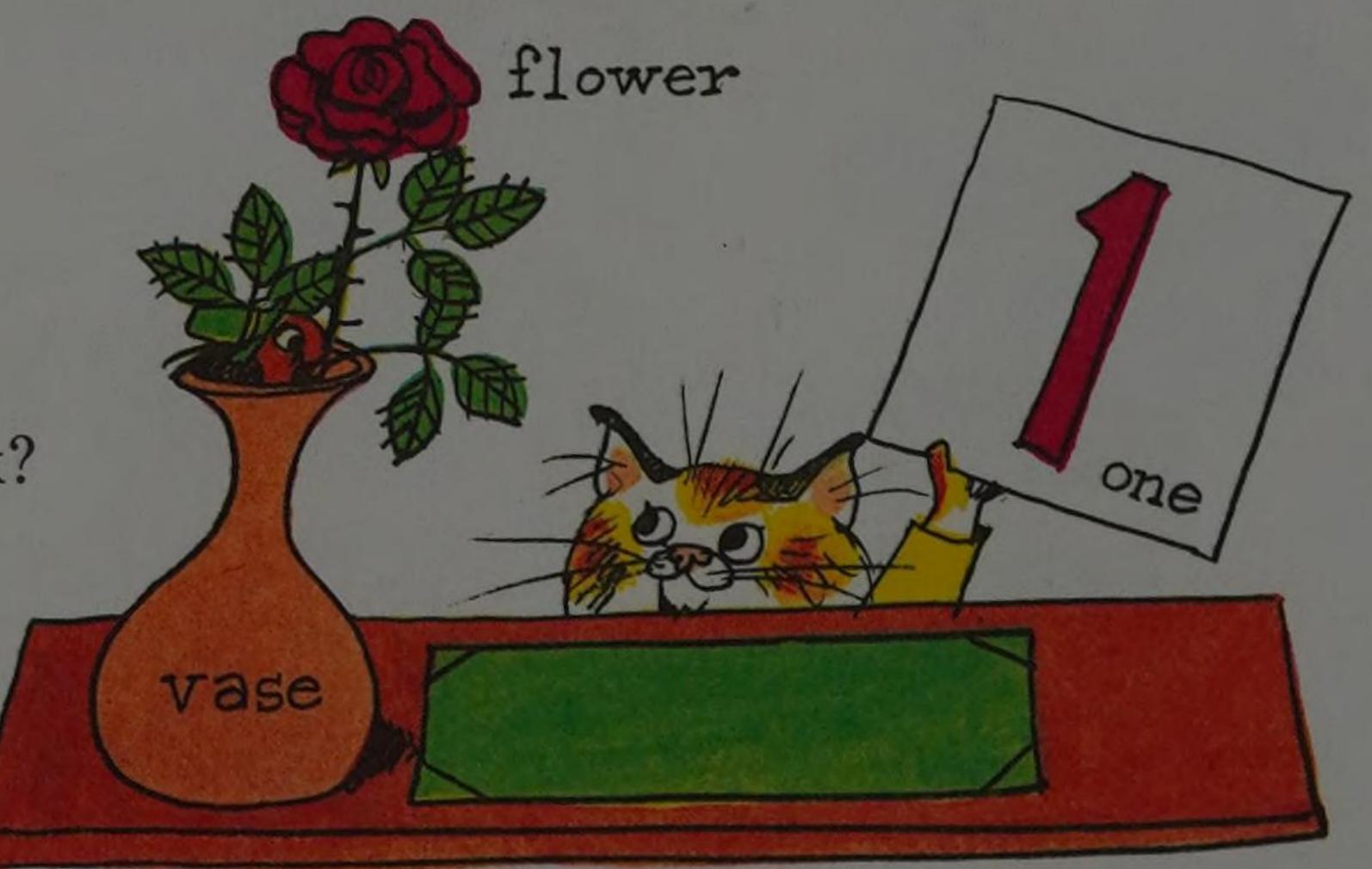
"Huckle will hold the card showing the correct answer.

How many children are sitting on the stool?" she asked.

The answer is **NONE**. There is no one sitting there.

We use the figure **ZERO** to show **NONE**.

How many flowers are in the vase on Miss Honey's desk? You are right, Huckle. There is just **ONE** flower.

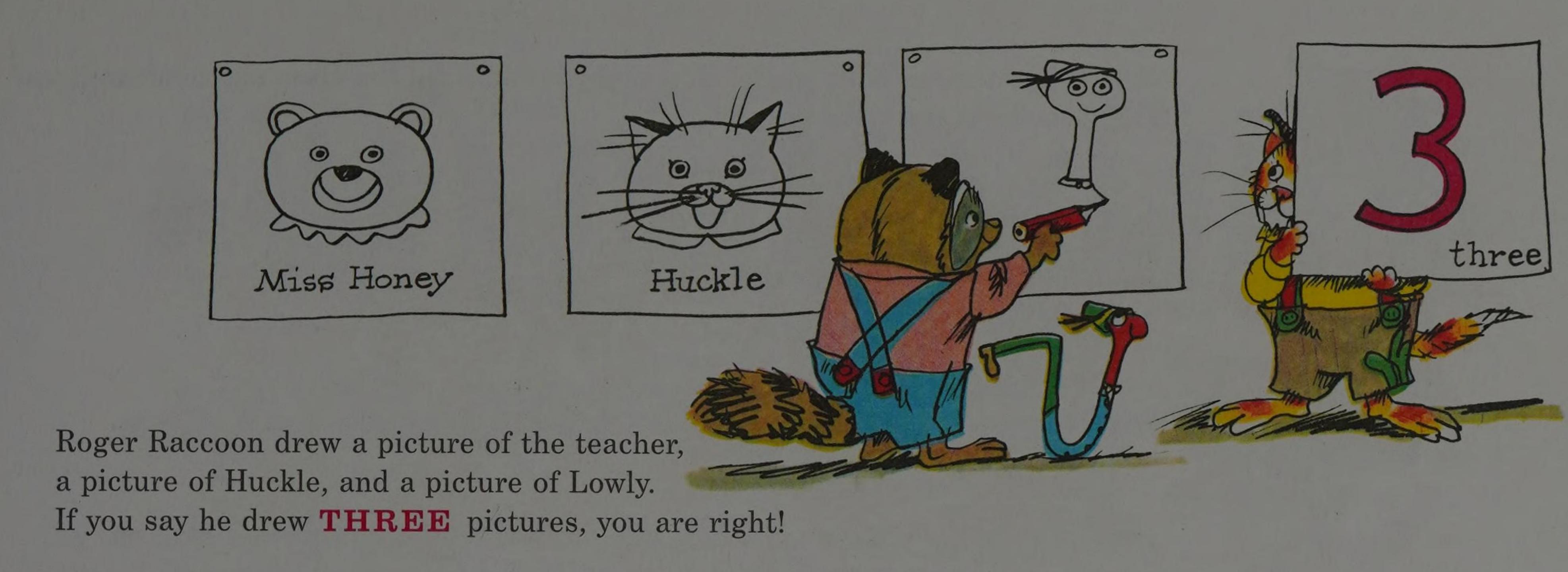




When those little girls stop talking, how many quiet girls will there be?

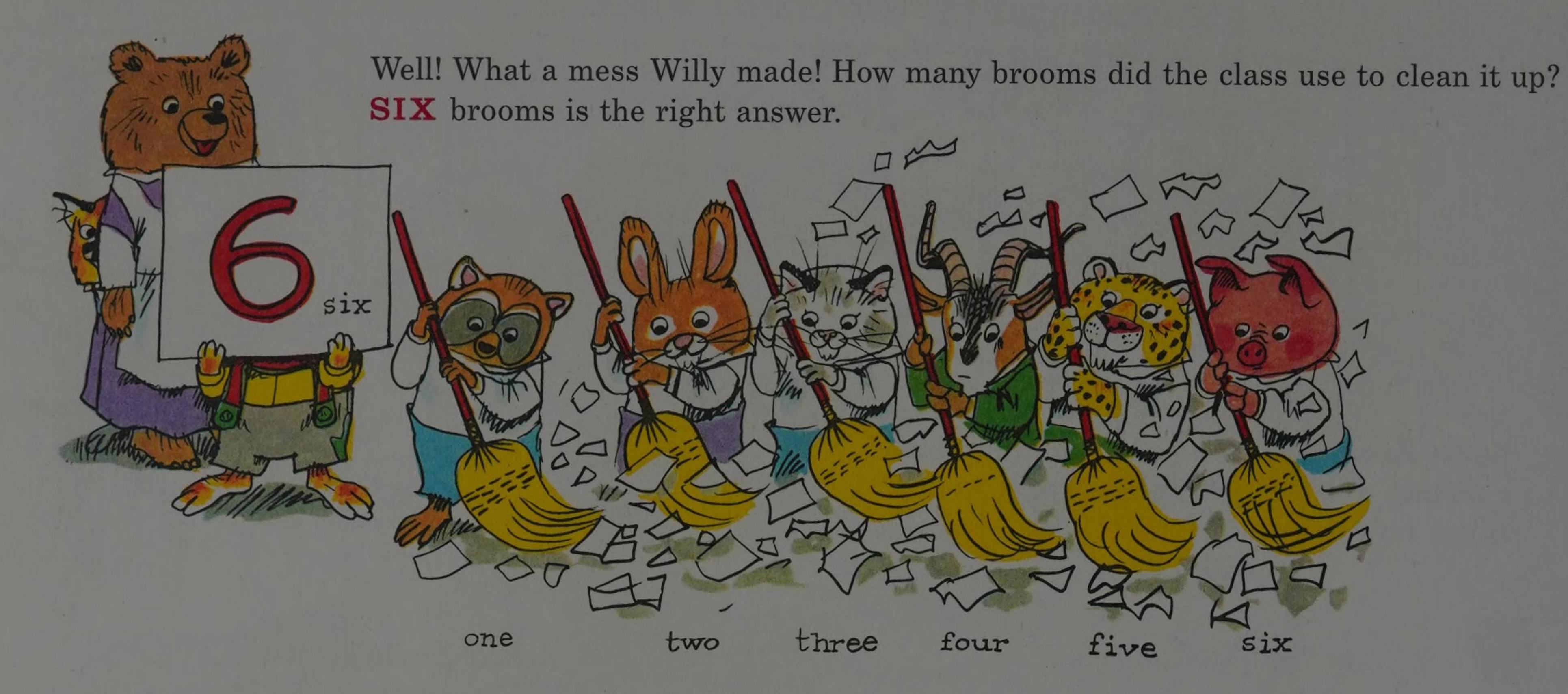
There will be **TWO** quiet girls when they stop talking.







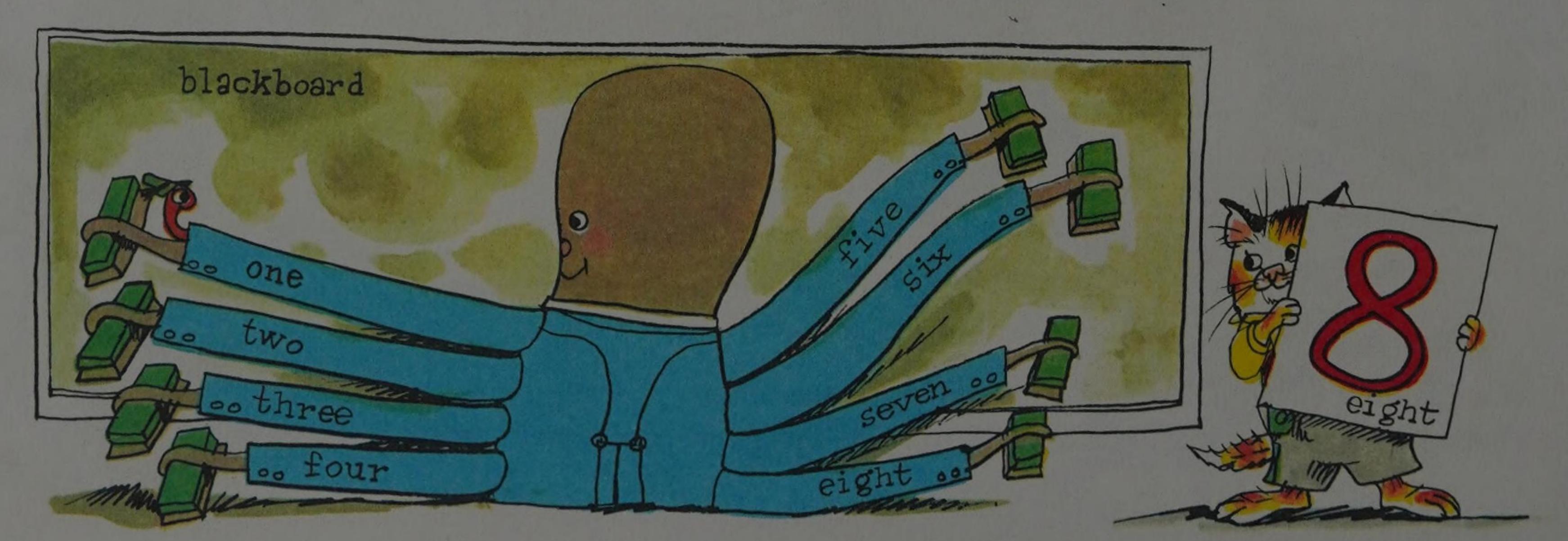
Miss Honey asked Willy Fox to take the wastebaskets out and empty them. But, Willy, don't take them all at once! Empty the **FIVE** wastebaskets one at a time! One, two, three, four, **FIVE**.

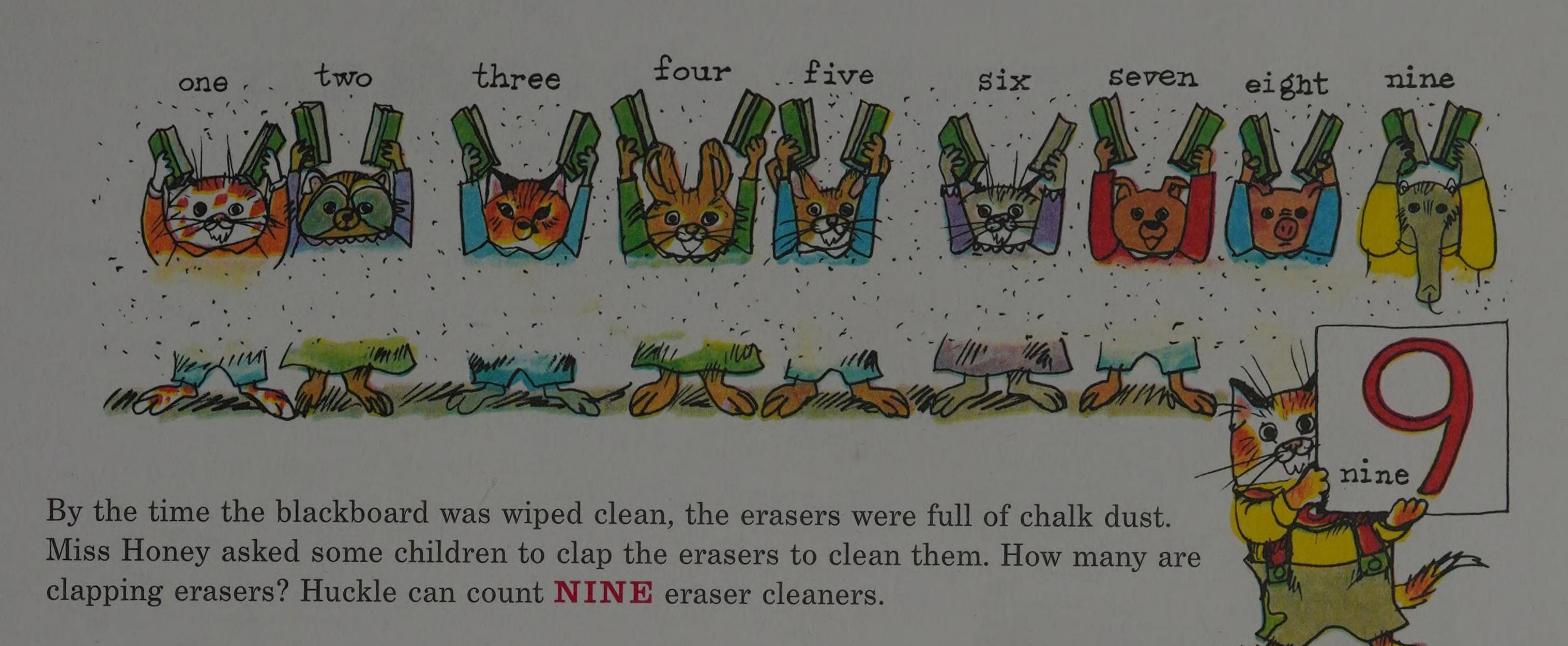


Now, why are all those children raising their hands? It's because they want to ask Miss Honey for permission to go to the bathroom. You always have to ask, you know. "All right, you may go. But hurry back," said the teacher. **SEVEN** children left the room to go to the bathroom.

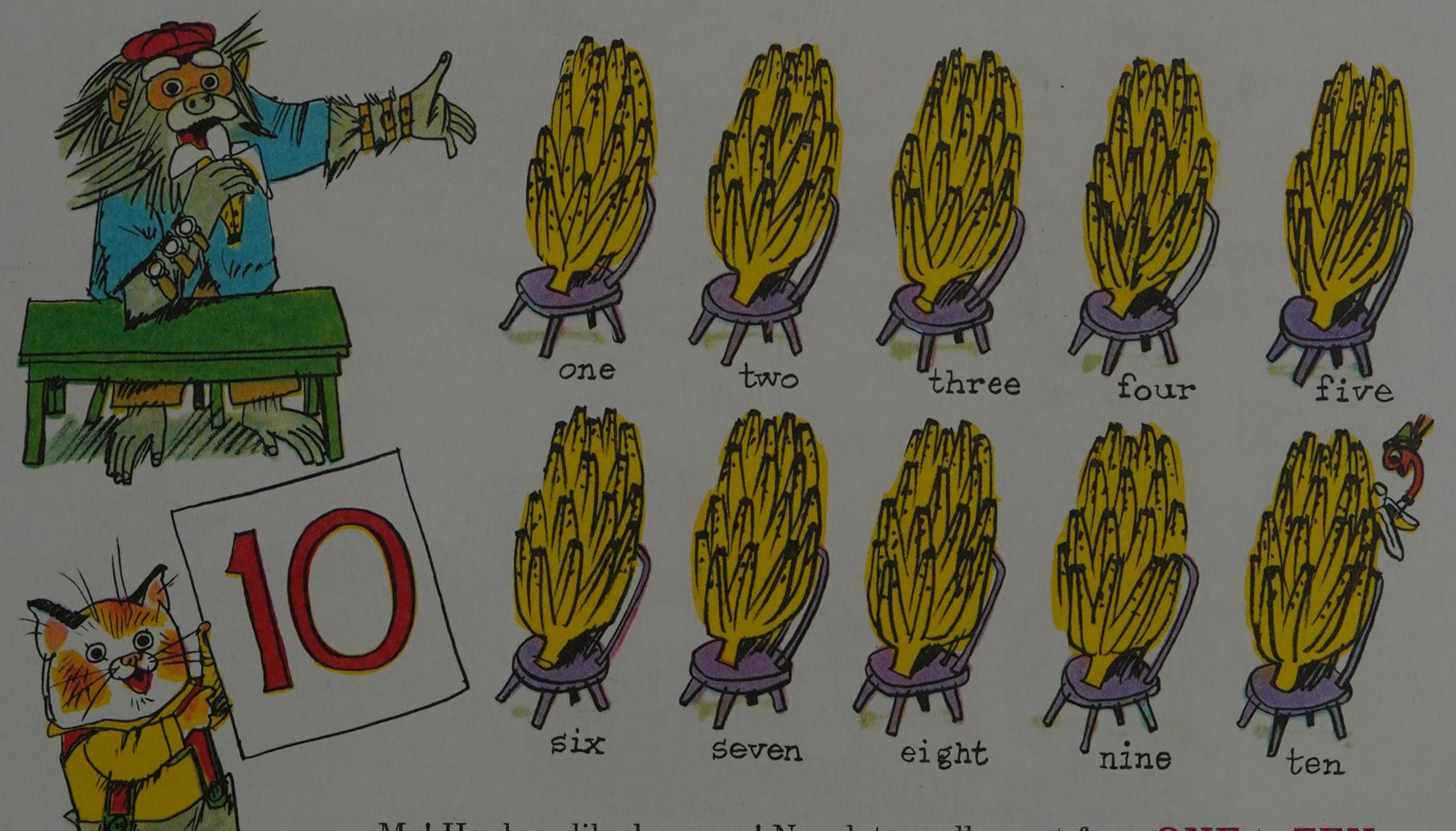


Miss Honey asked Oliver to wipe the chalk off the blackboard with the erasers. How many erasers did he use? He has **EIGHT** arms so he used **EIGHT** erasers.





Miss Honey asked Bananas Gorilla what he brought to school to eat at snack time. Did he bring **TEN** bananas? NO! He brought **TEN** bunches of bananas!

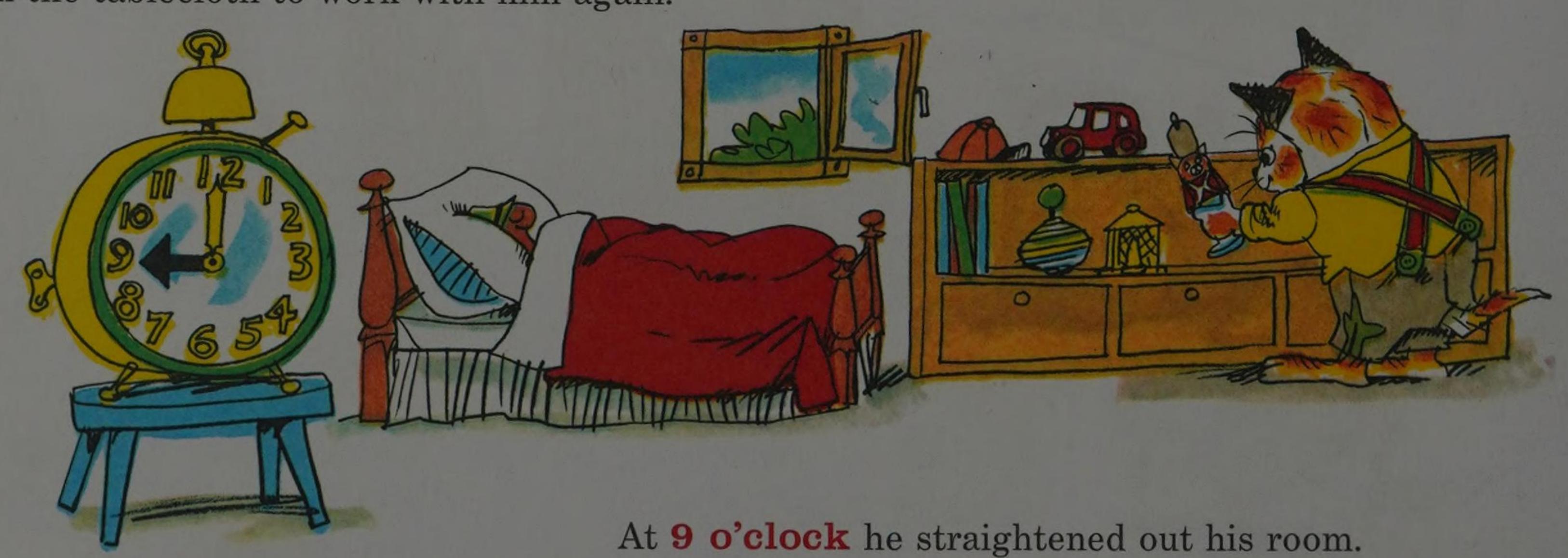


My! He does like bananas! Now let us all count from **ONE** to **TEN**. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten. Very good, children!



At 8 o'clock he ate his breakfast.

Father Cat took the tablecloth to work with him again.



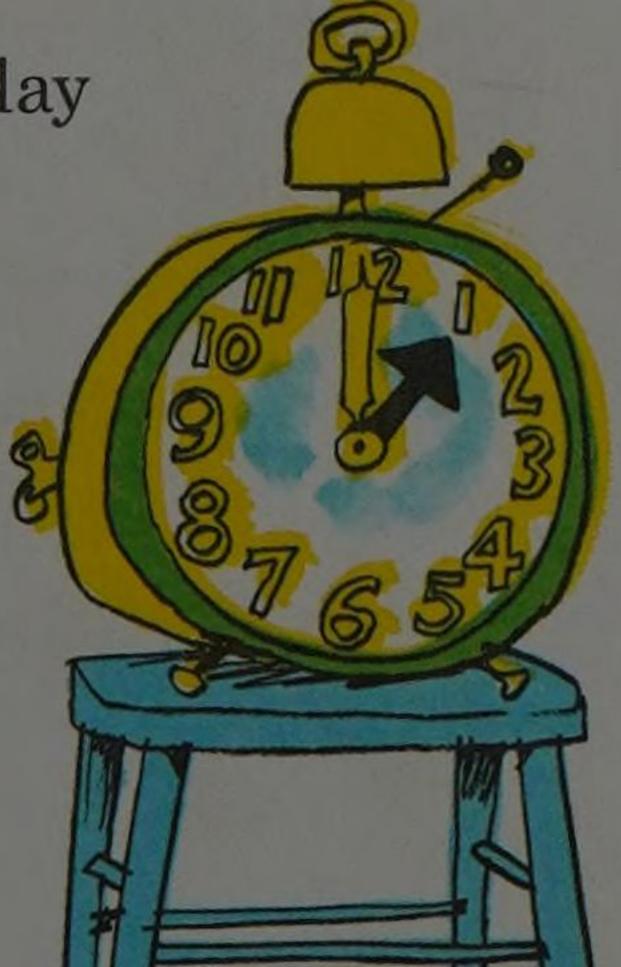


At 11 o'clock he played in his muddy yard with Lowly.
He fell down a few times.

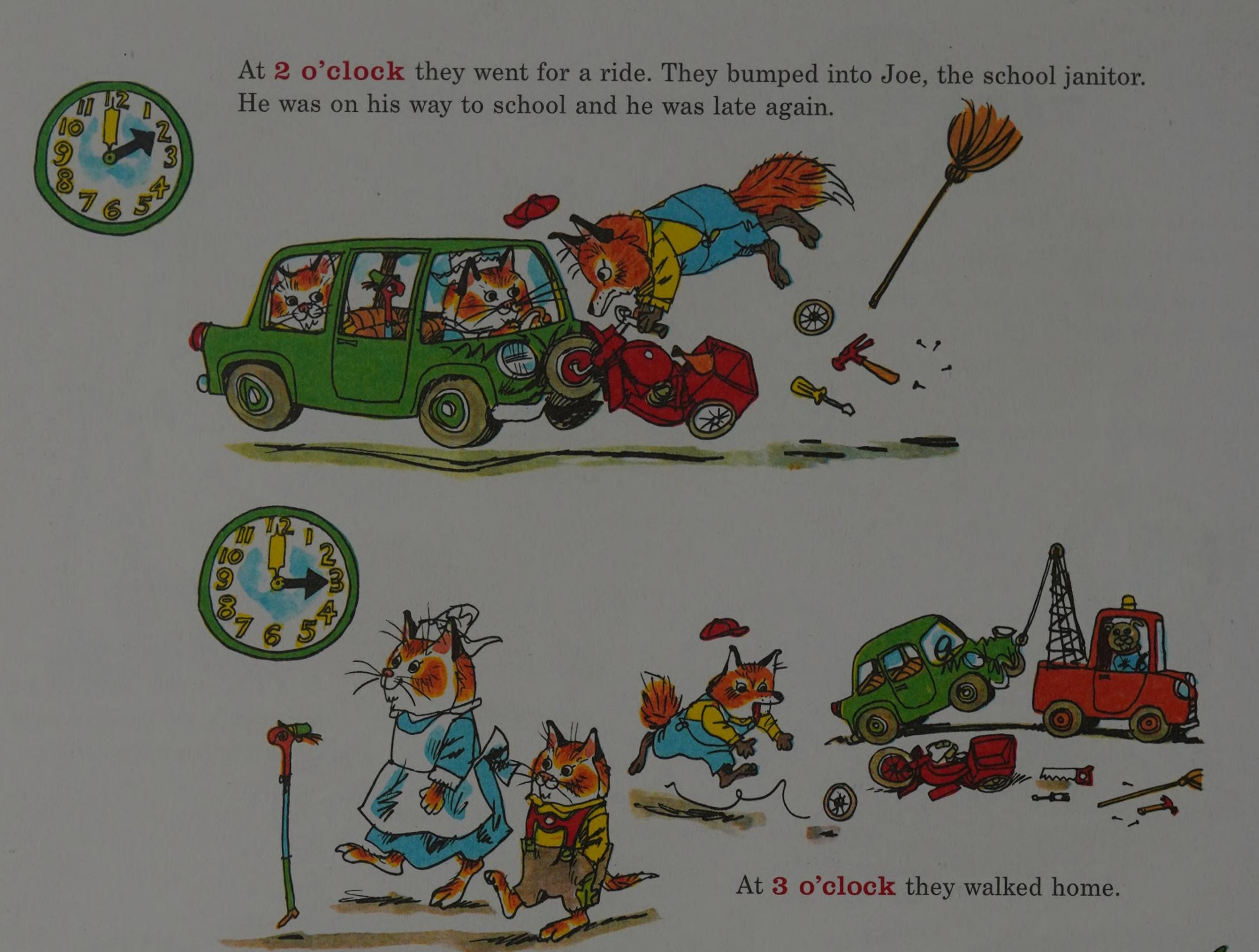
12 o'clock is noontime. Huckle and Lowly ate their lunches. Lowly remembered to take his hat off at the table.



At 1 o'clock they both lay down and had a nap.







At 4 o'clock they watched television.





At 5 o'clock Father Cat came home.



At 6 o'clock Mother Cat served a surprise for supper. She served Huckle's guest first.

At 7 o'clock Father Cat gave Huckle and Lowly their baths. "Where did that soap go?" asked Father Cat.



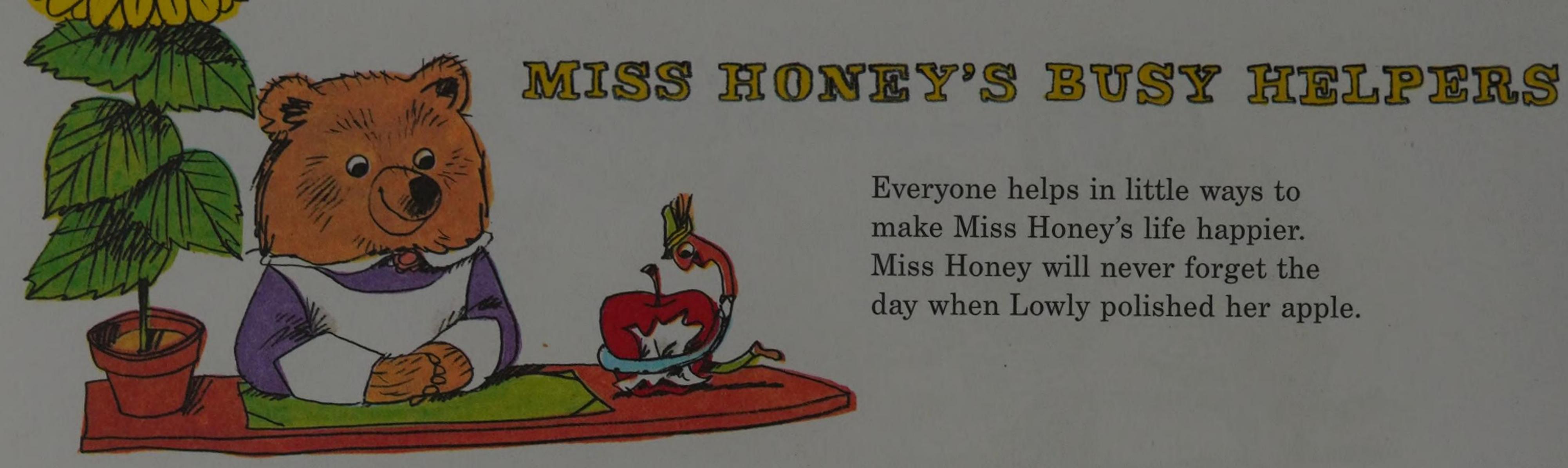


At 8 o'clock Father Cat read them a bedtime story in bed.



And at 9 o'clock they were sound asleep.
Sleep tight, Huckle!
Sleep tight, Lowly!





Everyone helps in little ways to make Miss Honey's life happier. Miss Honey will never forget the day when Lowly polished her apple.

That same day Roger opened the window and the papers blew away.



Arthur closed the door so they wouldn't escape.



Miss Honey remembers that Huckle sharpened the pencils that day. He made them a little too short.

> Patsy picked papers up off the floor and put them in the wastebasket.



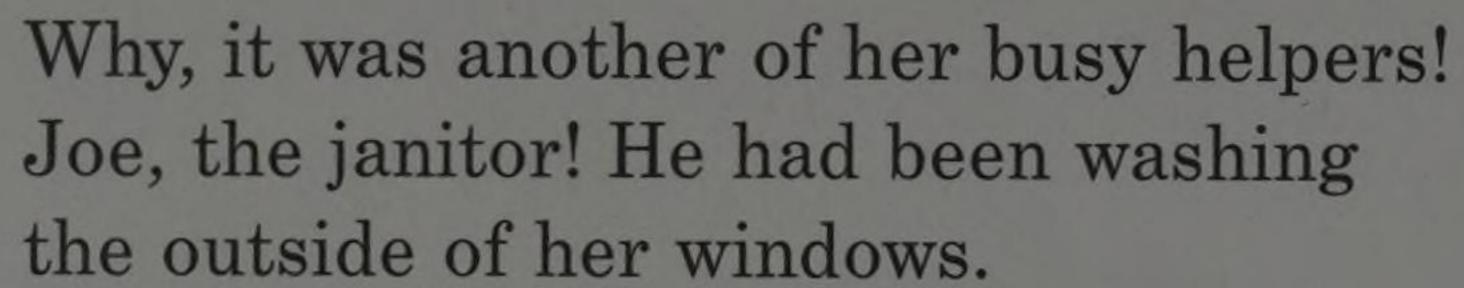
Eddie erased the blackboard.

Peter washed the blackboard with a sponge.

Bobby clapped the erasers.

Miss Honey was about to tell him to clean them outside when...









## MEASURING THINGS

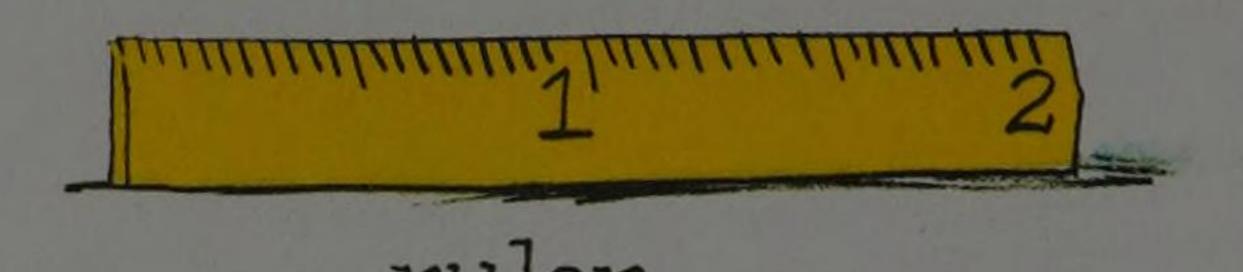


"Now we shall learn something about how to measure things," said Miss Honey.

I use a ruler to measure my height.

I am taller than Bugdozer.

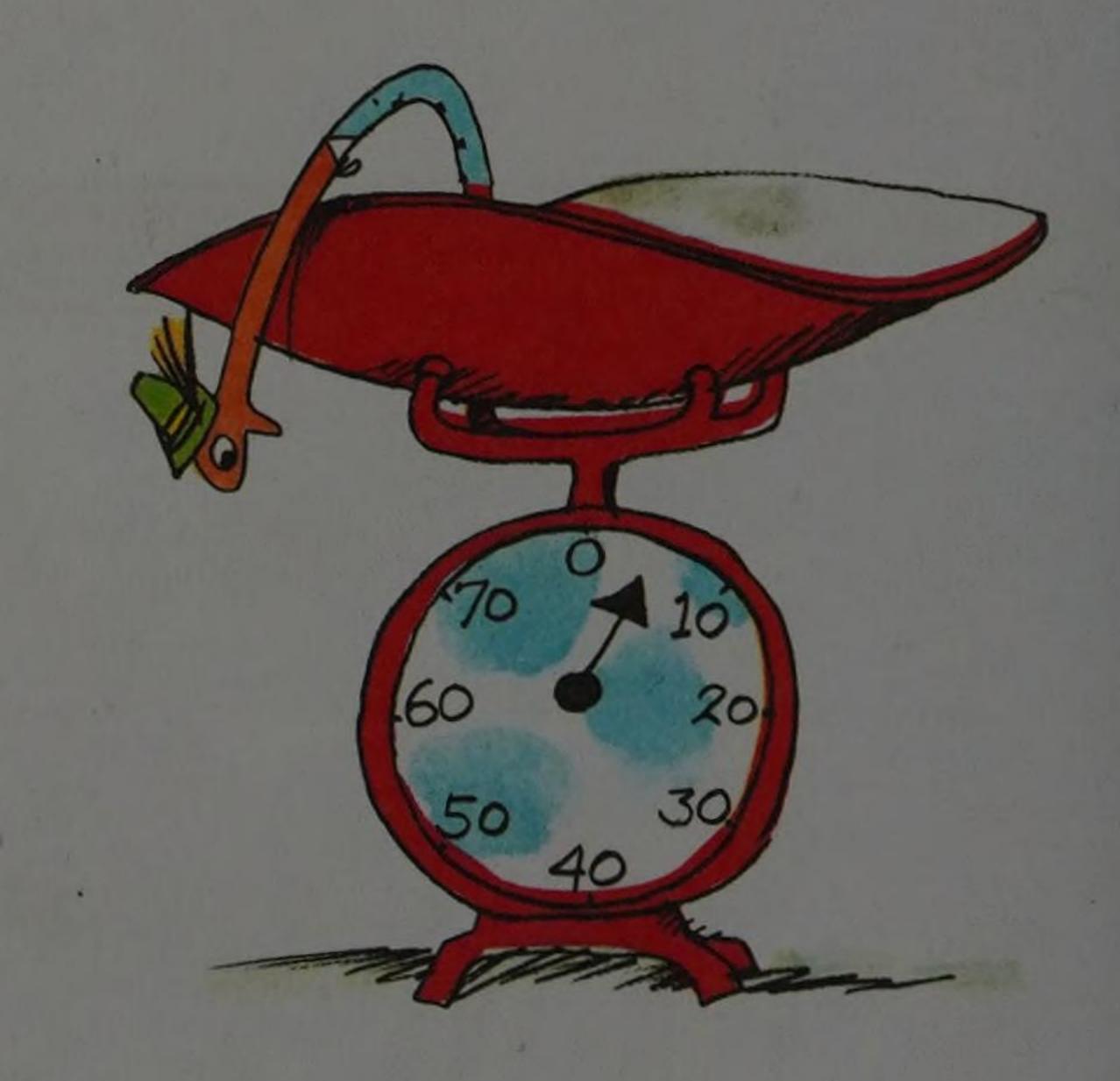
He is shorter than I am.





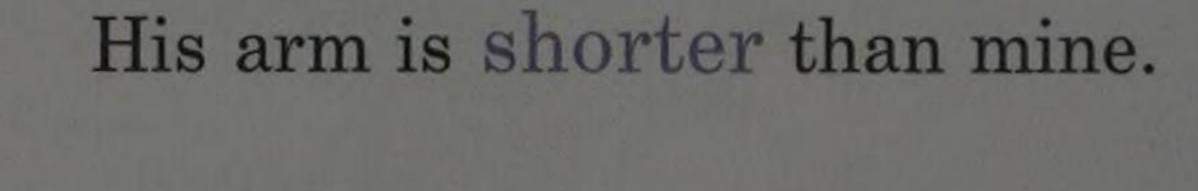
I use a scale to measure my weight.
I weigh more than Lowly.
He weighs less than I do.
I am heavier than he is.
He is lighter than I am.







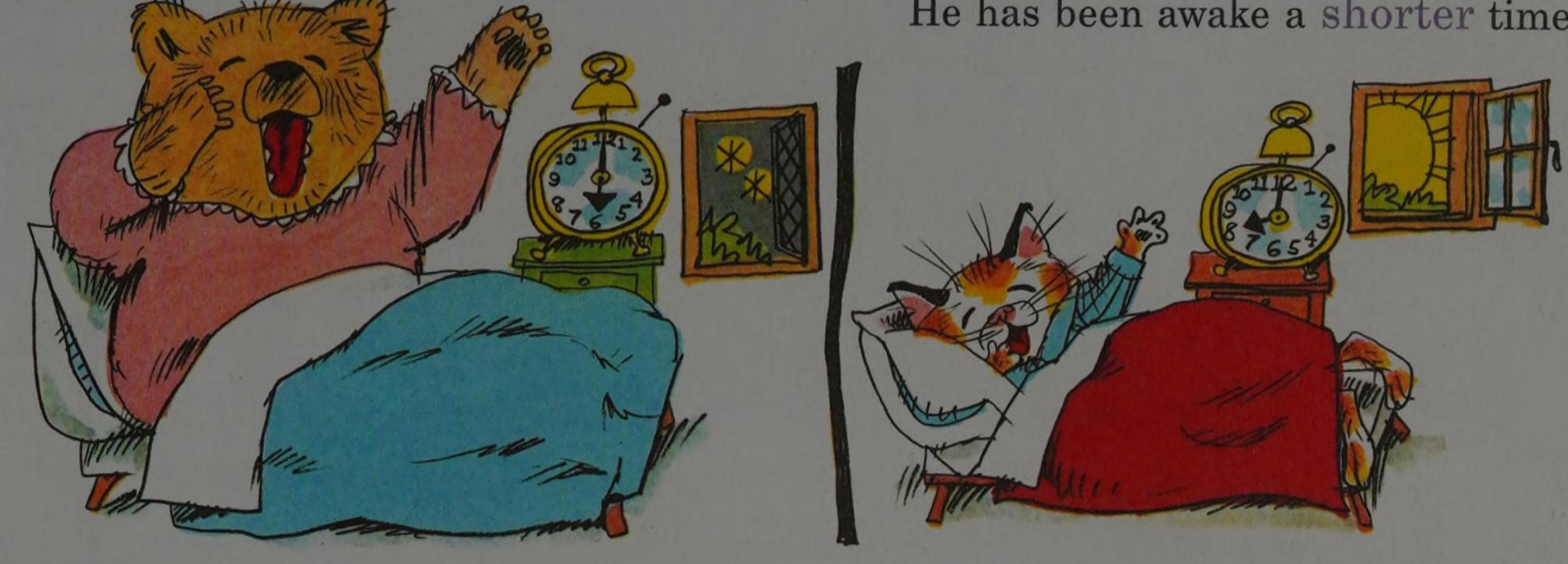
My arm is longer than Mouse's.

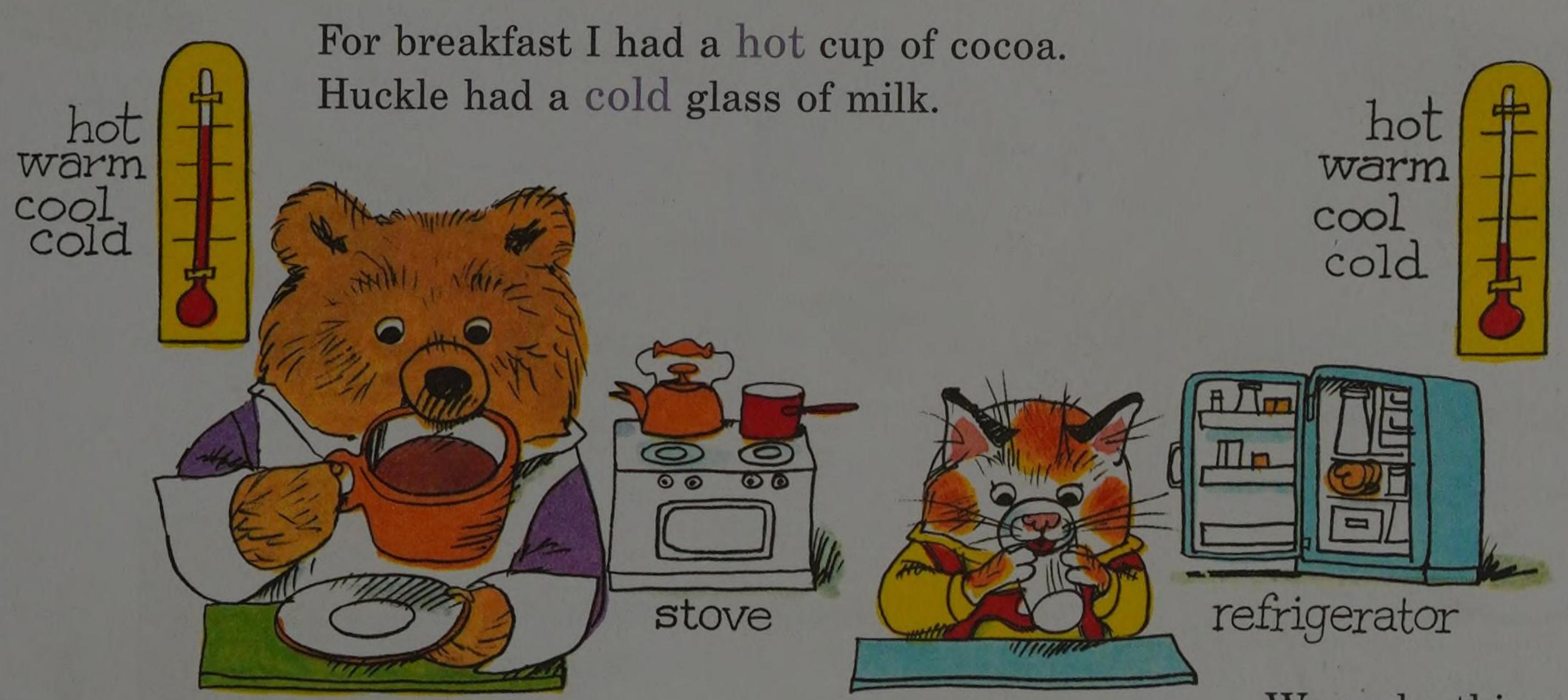


A clock measures time.

I awakened before the sun came up.

Huckle awakened after the sun came up.
I have been awake a longer time than Huckle.
He has been awake a shorter time than I have.





We make things warm on the stove. We keep things cool in the refrigerator.

A calendar measures time, too. It shows the number of days in the month and the year.

I have had more birthdays than Ruth.

I am older than she is.

Ruth is younger than I am.

I have had more birthdays than Ruth.

My birthday cake has more candles than Ruth's.

Hers has fewer candles than mine.

I have a harder time blowing out the candles than Ruth does. Ruth has an easier time.



#### SHAPES

"Everything has a shape," said Miss Honey.

"I will show you different kinds of shapes. First, look at my shape.

Mr. Bruno says I have a beautiful shape. Would you say that I was fatter or thinner than Lowly? Yes! I am a little bit fatter than Lowly."



Lowly has been eating peas.
Peas are round in shape.

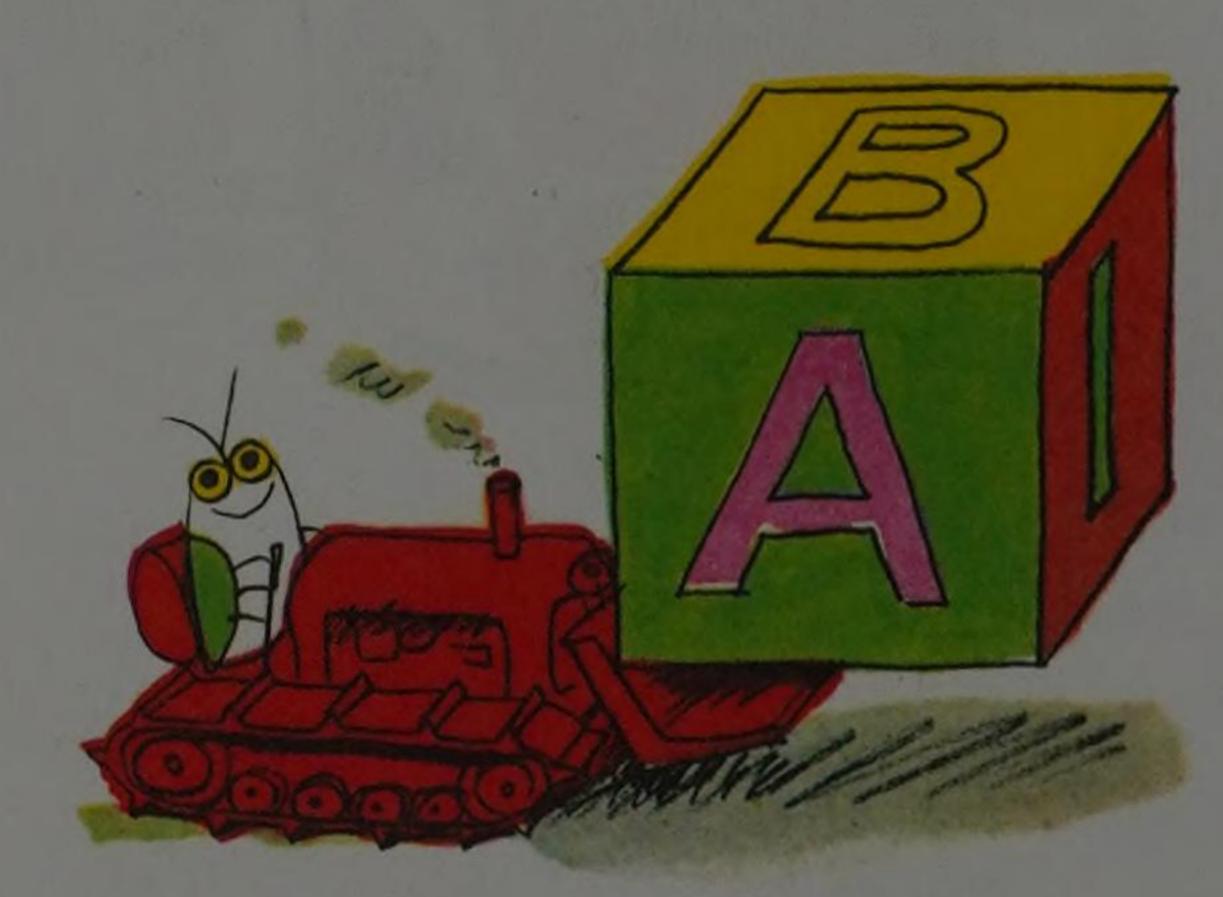
A ball is round, too.

But Lowly isn't able to eat that.

An egg is oval-shaped.



The moon is sometimes crescent-shaped.



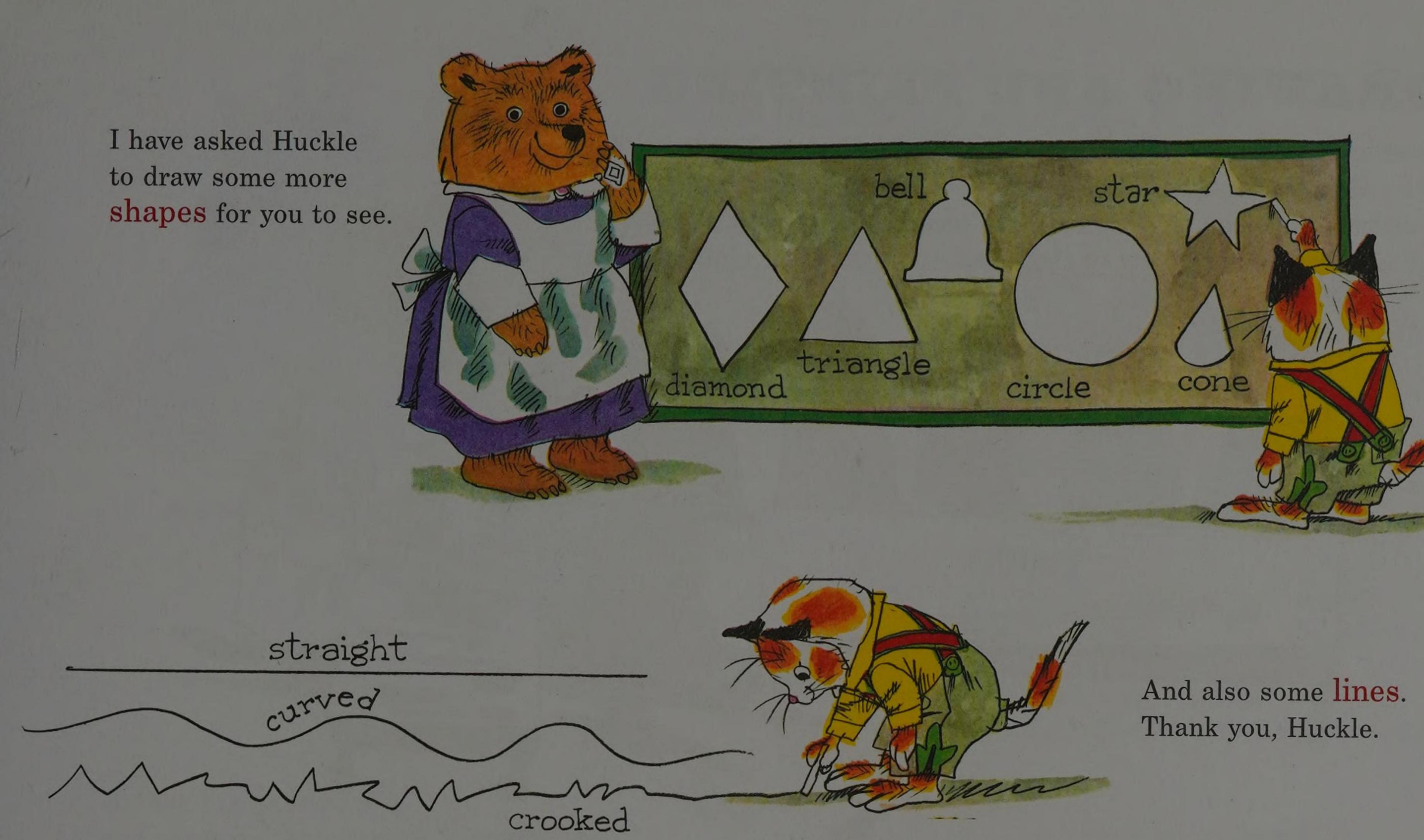
A block has a square shape.

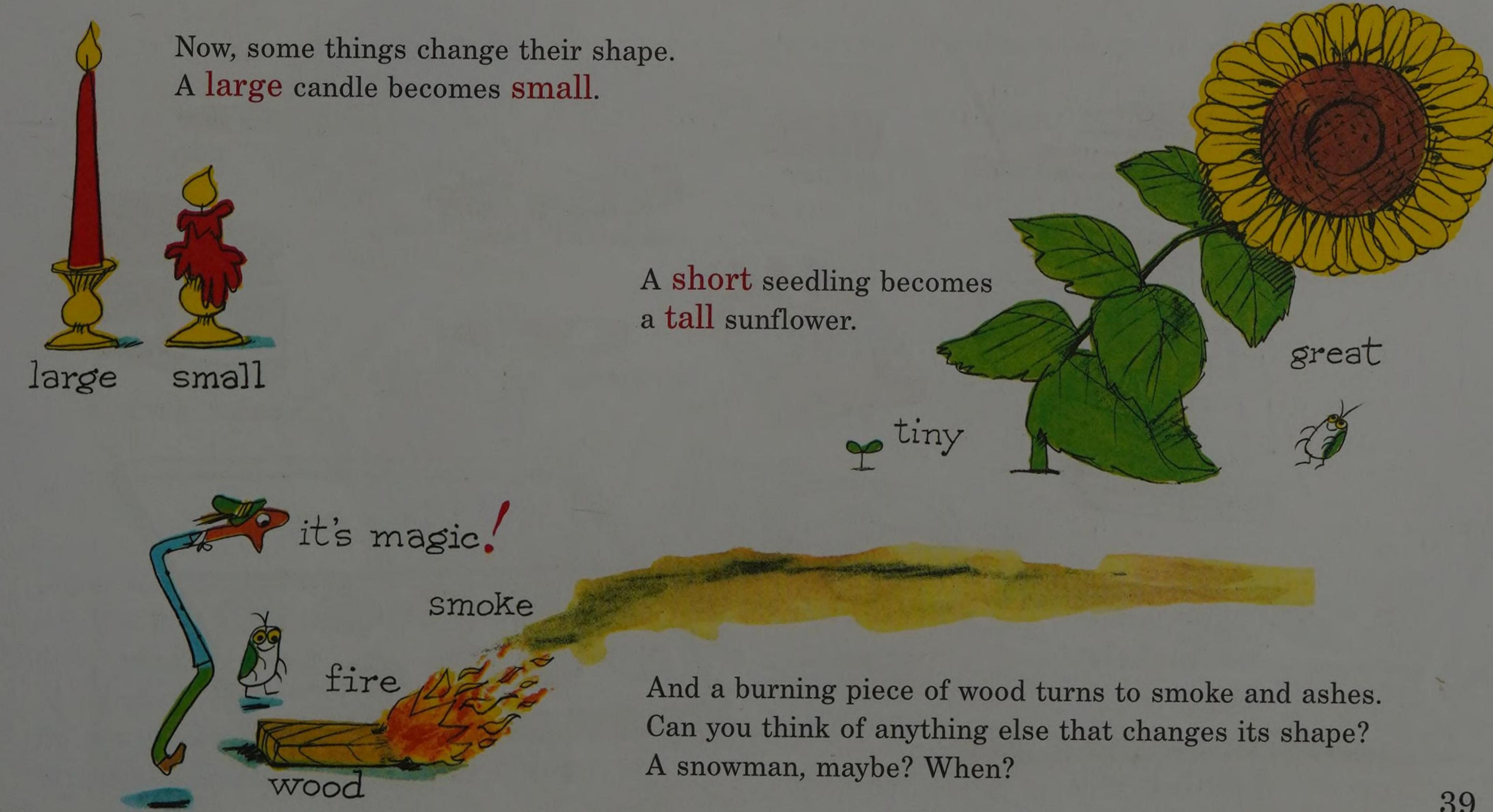




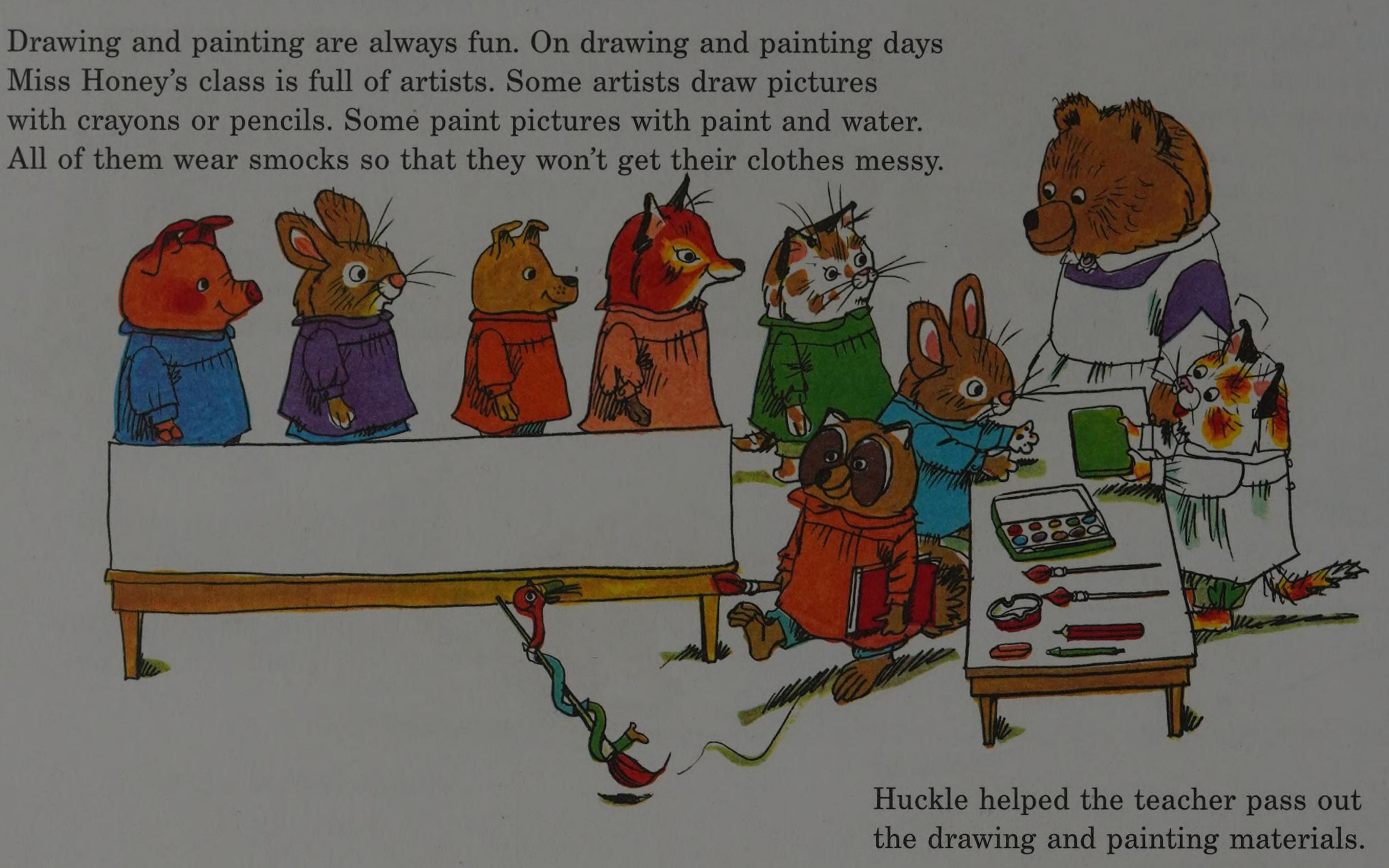
Oh, yes! Someone sent me a Valentine in the shape of a heart. Can you guess who sent it?



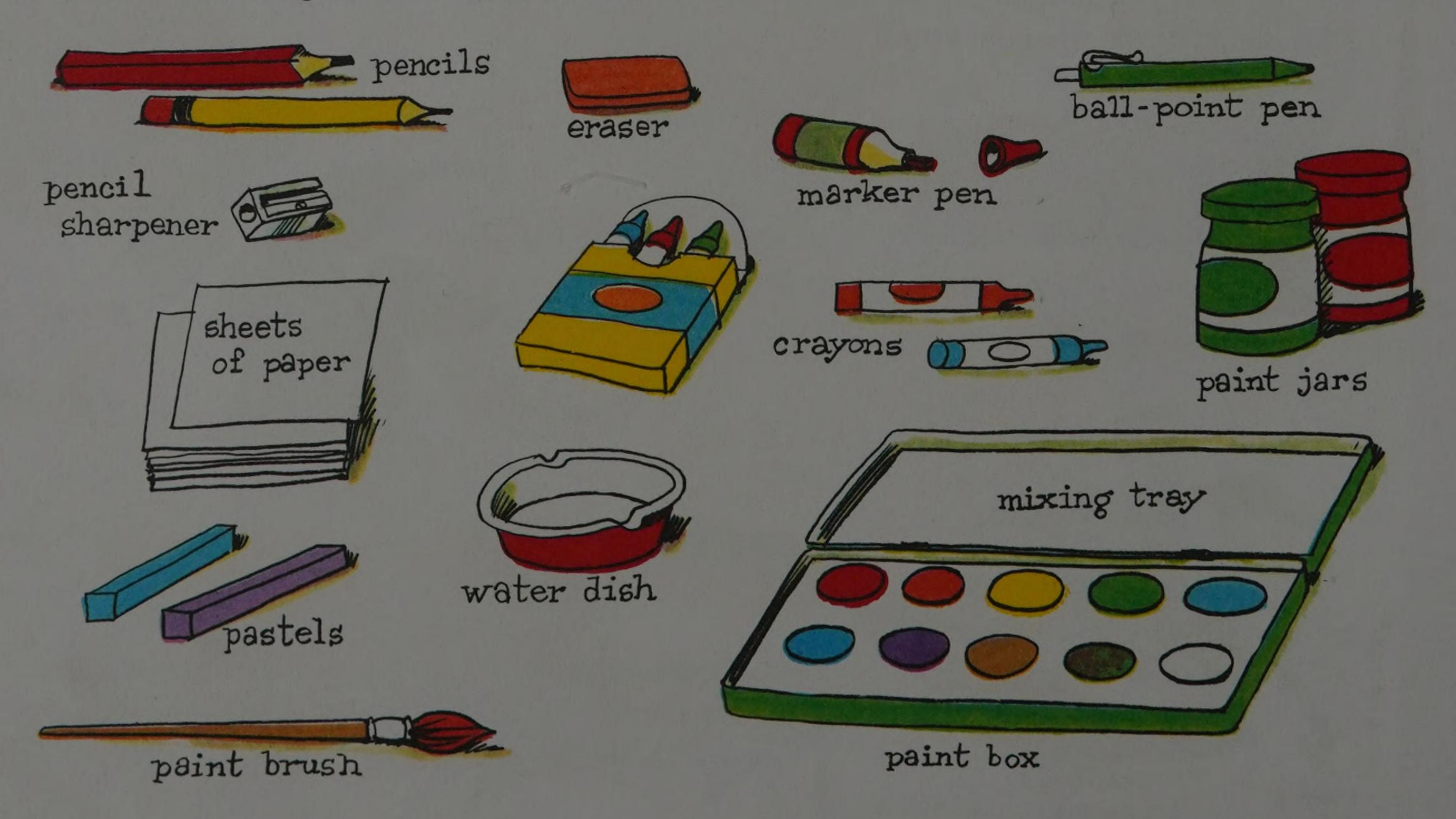




#### DRAWING AND PAINTING



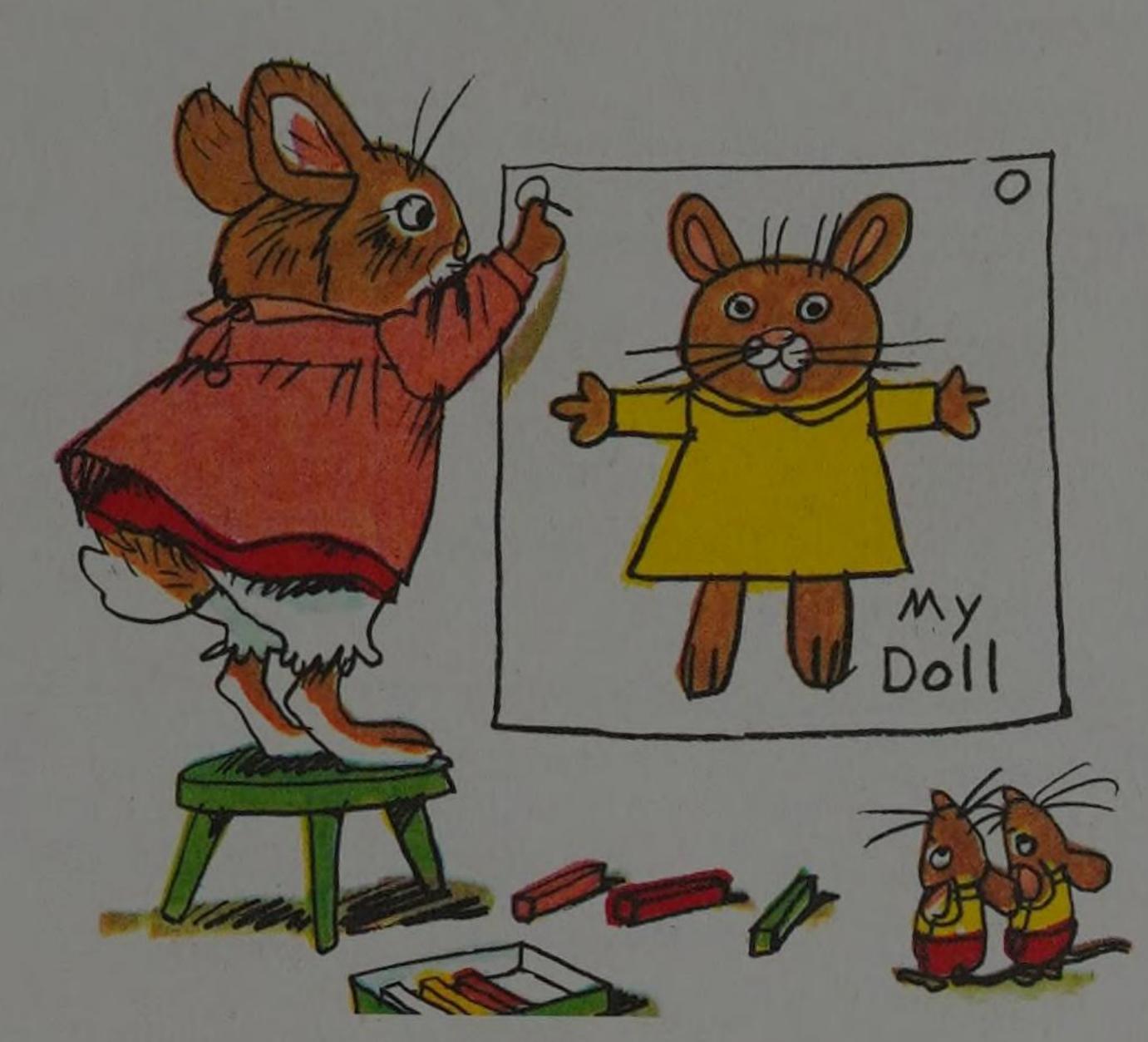
These are some of the things he handed to the artists.



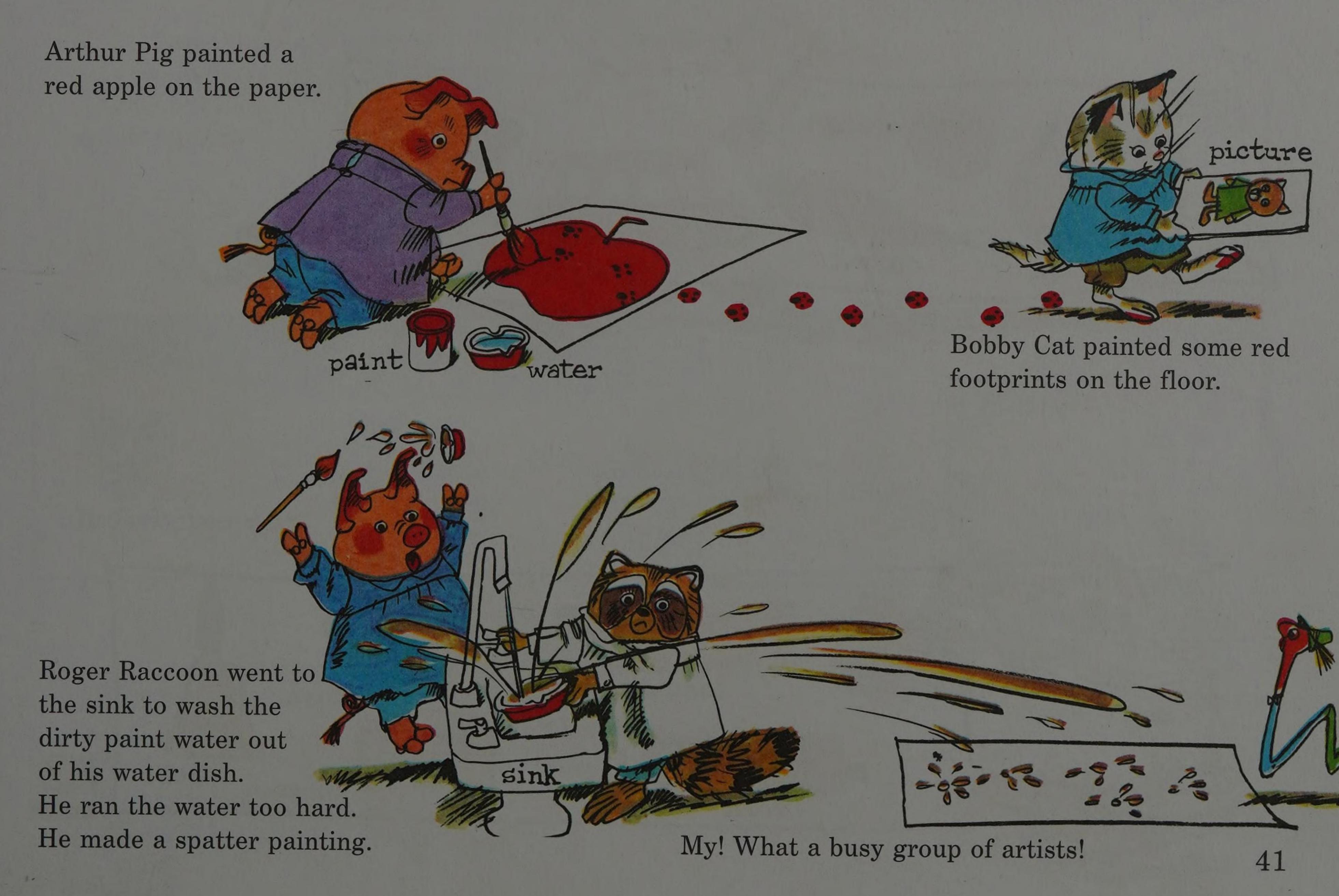


At last everyone was ready.

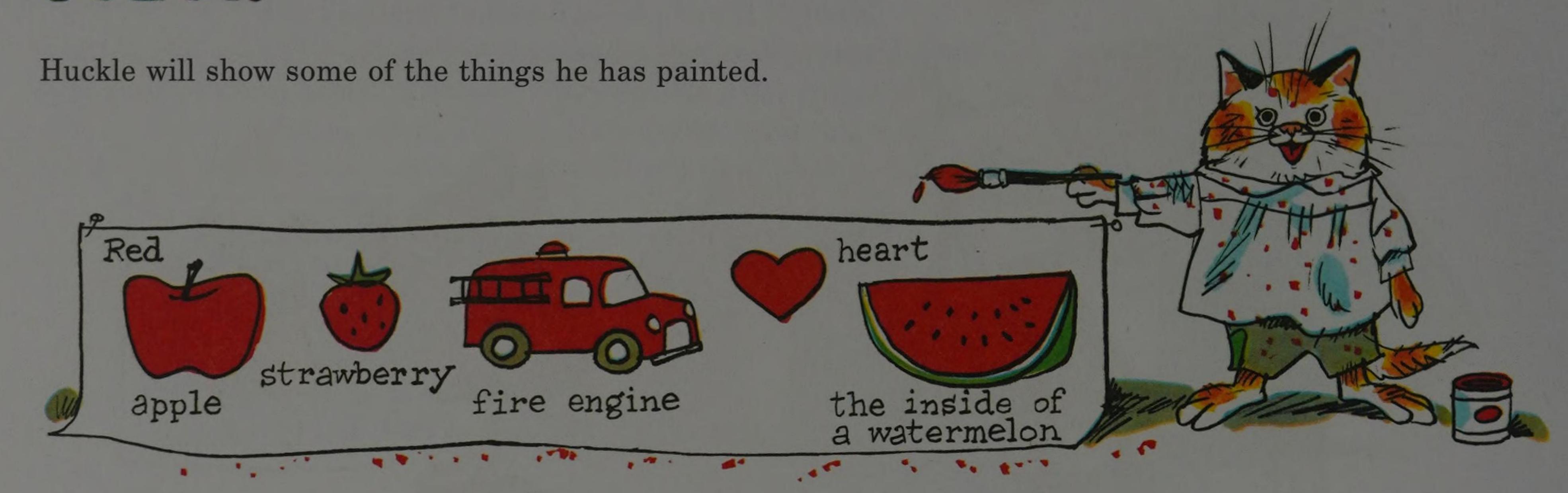
Mildred Hippo placed a pad of paper on her easel. She drew a bug with her pencil.



Elizabeth Rabbit drew a picture with her pastels. She tacked it on the wall.



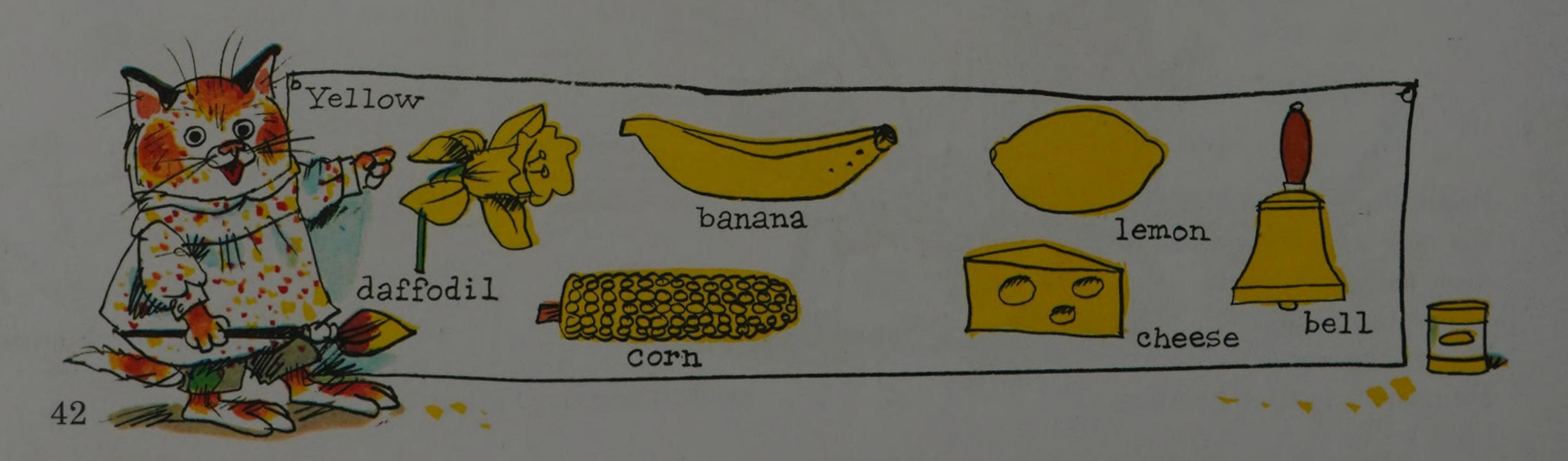
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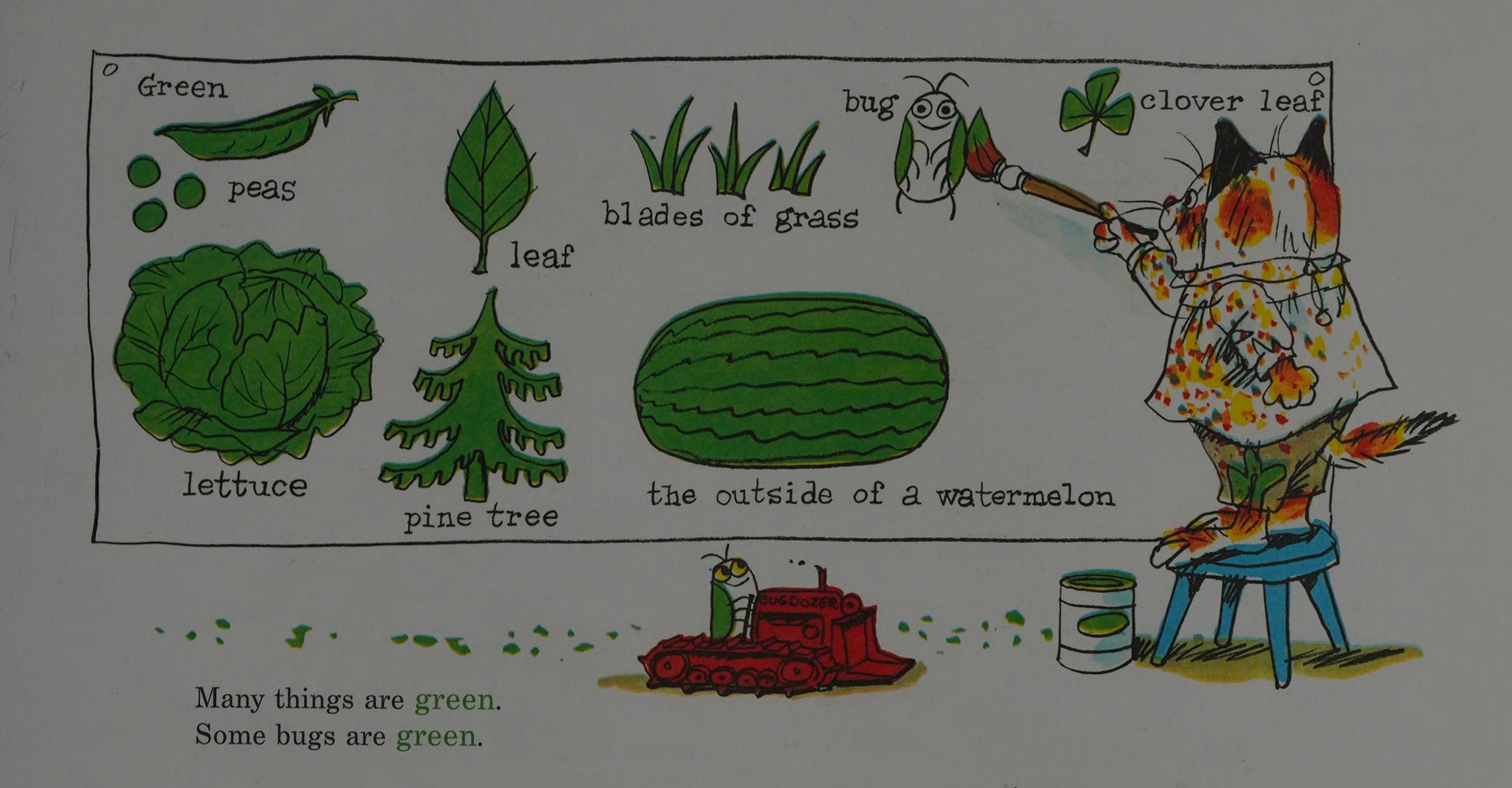


He painted pictures of some red things...

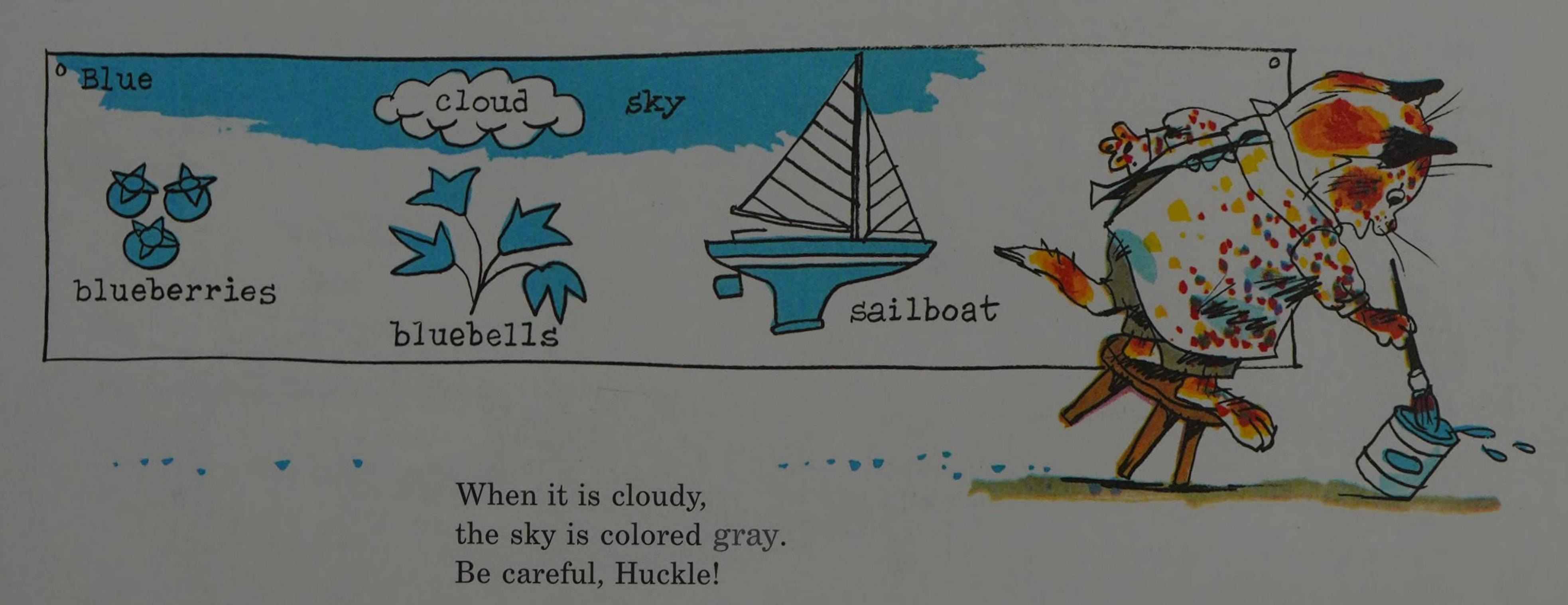


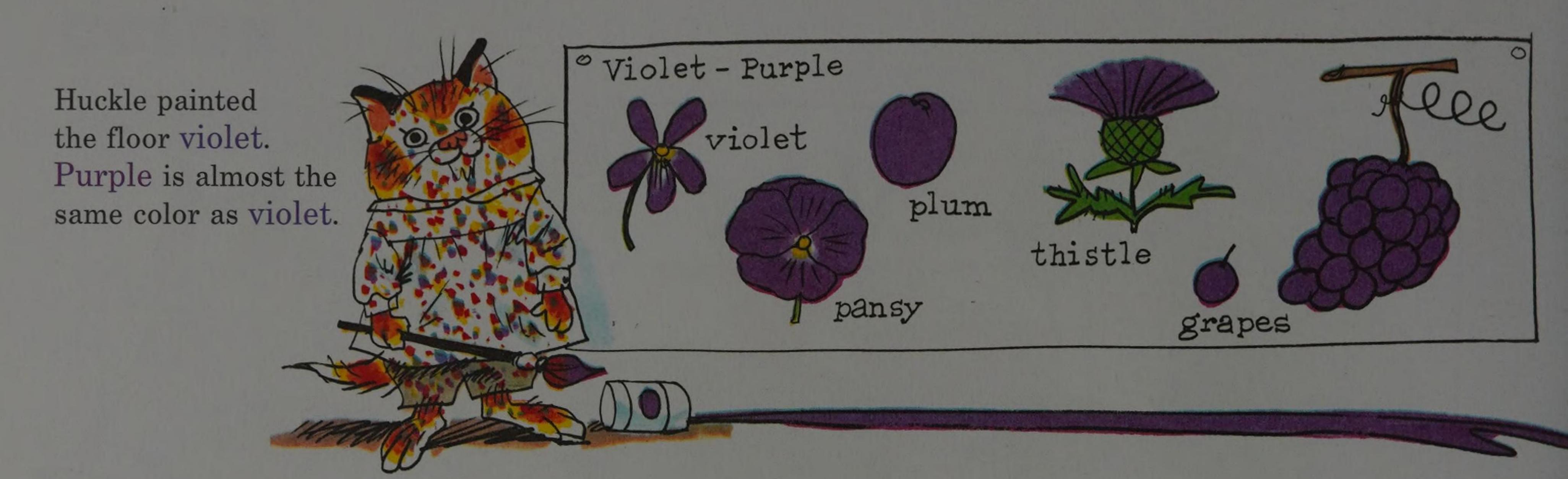
Yellow is a bright sunny color.

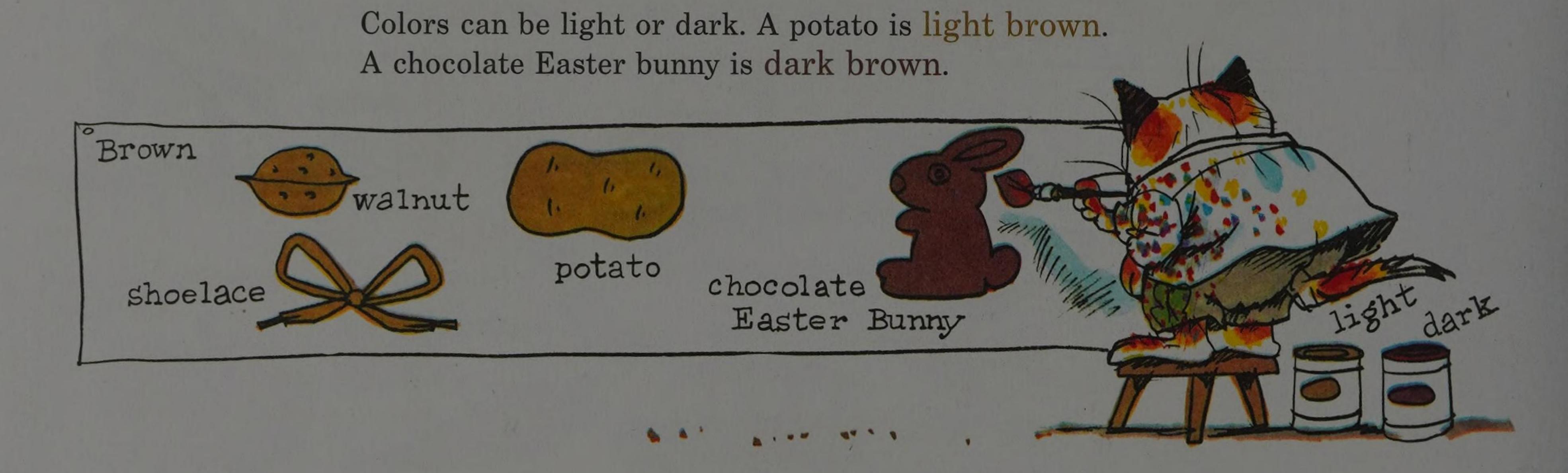




#### Huckle painted a blue sky.





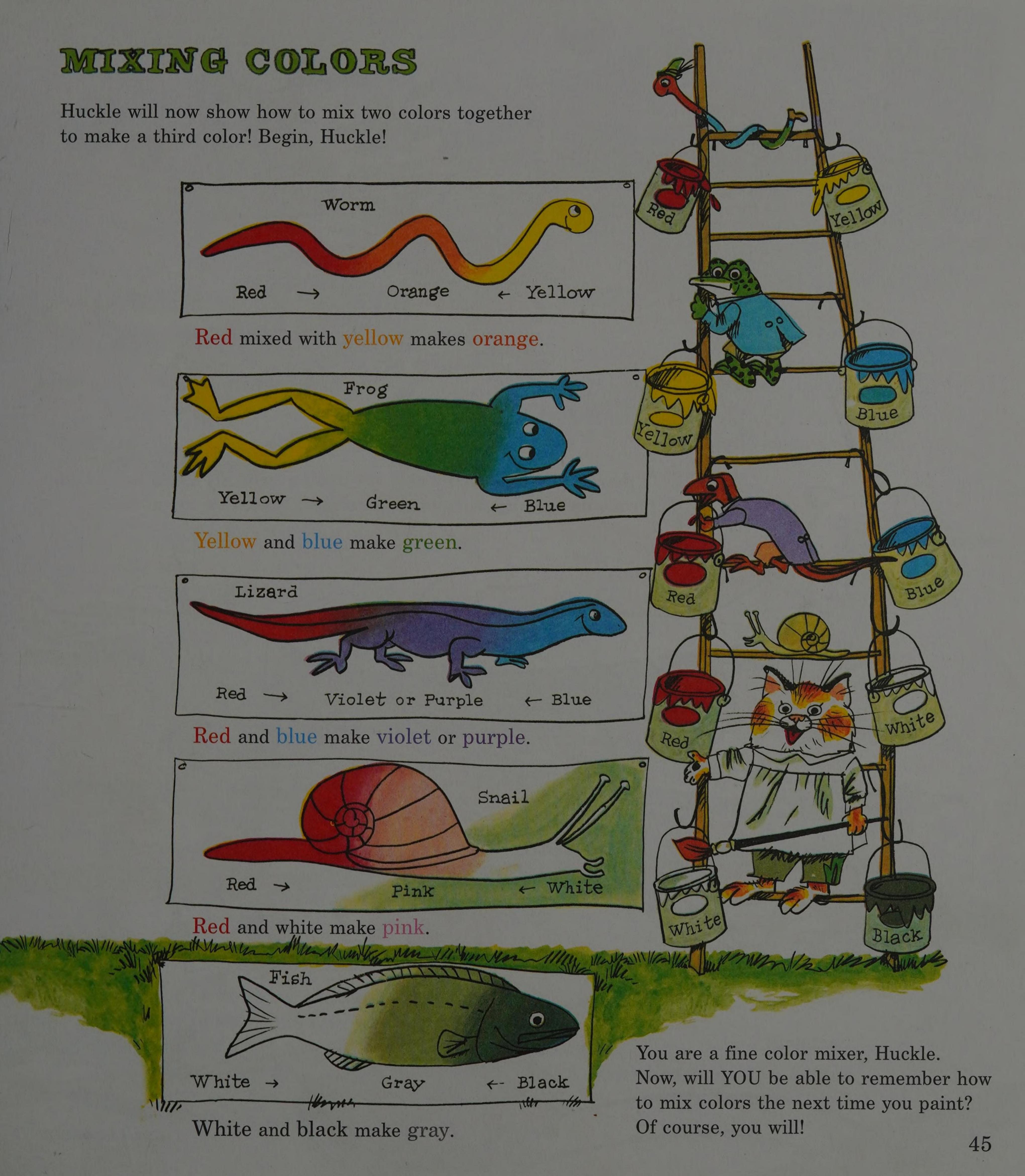


He painted some black things...

... and some white ones.



Besides painting pictures, Huckle painted himself.
Wash the paint off, Huckle, and put on a clean smock. Thank you!



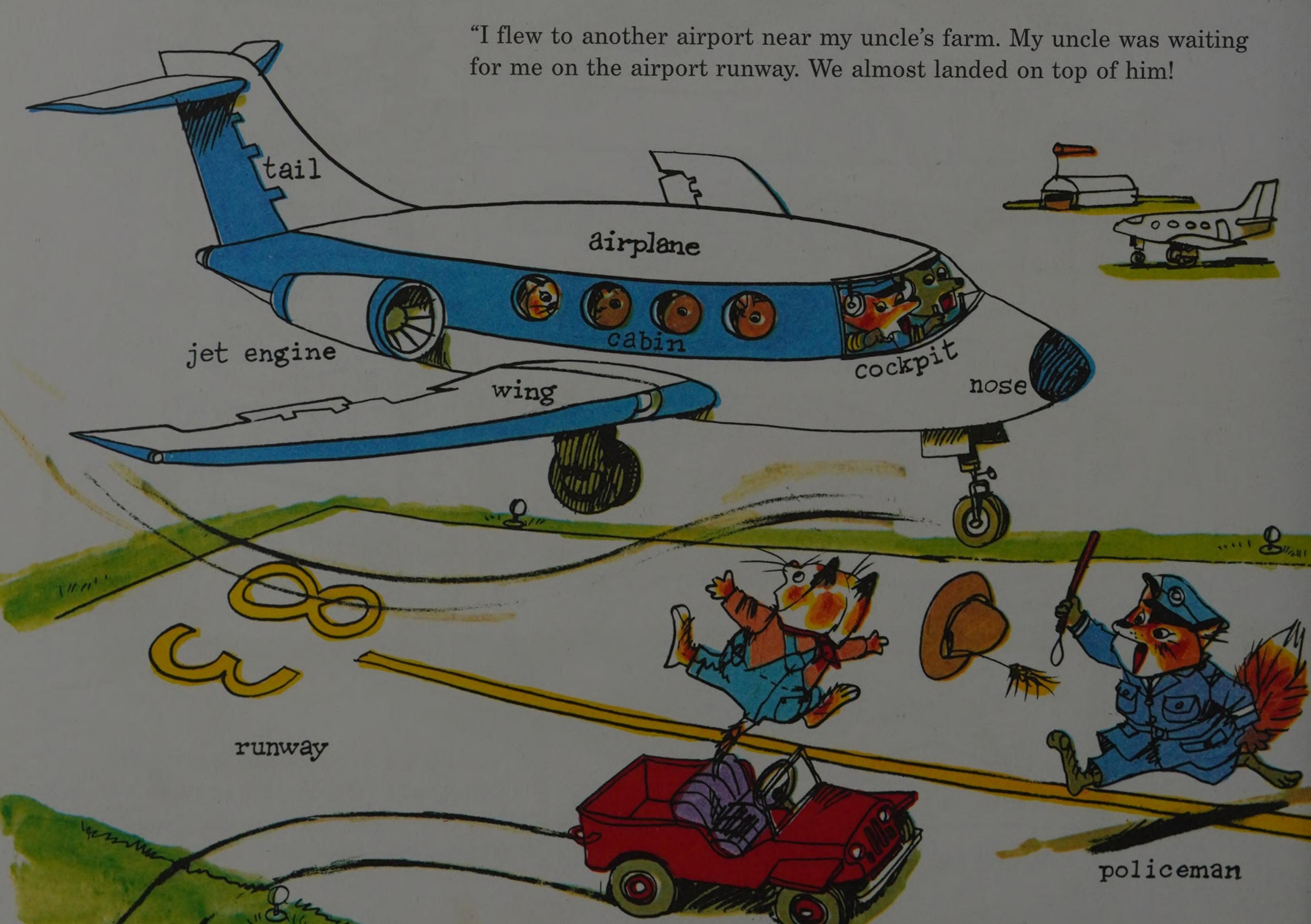
### SHOW AND TELL

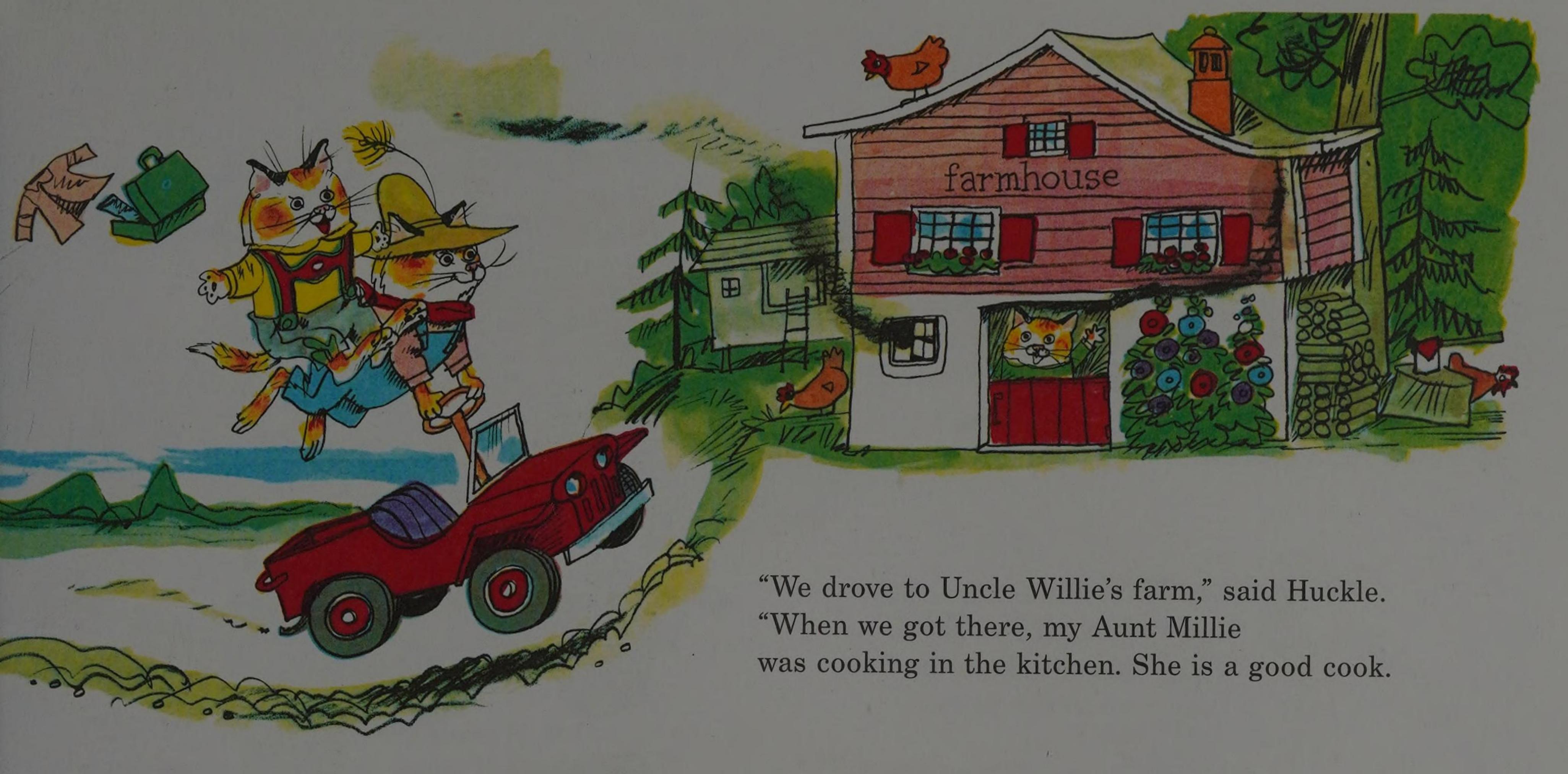
One of the best times at school is "Show and Tell" time. Huckle is going to tell about the exciting time he had last summer when he visited his Uncle Willie's farm. Let's listen.

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Huckle started to tell his story.

"Well, first of all," he said, "I had to get
to my uncle's farm. My mother and father took me to the airport
and put me on an airplane.



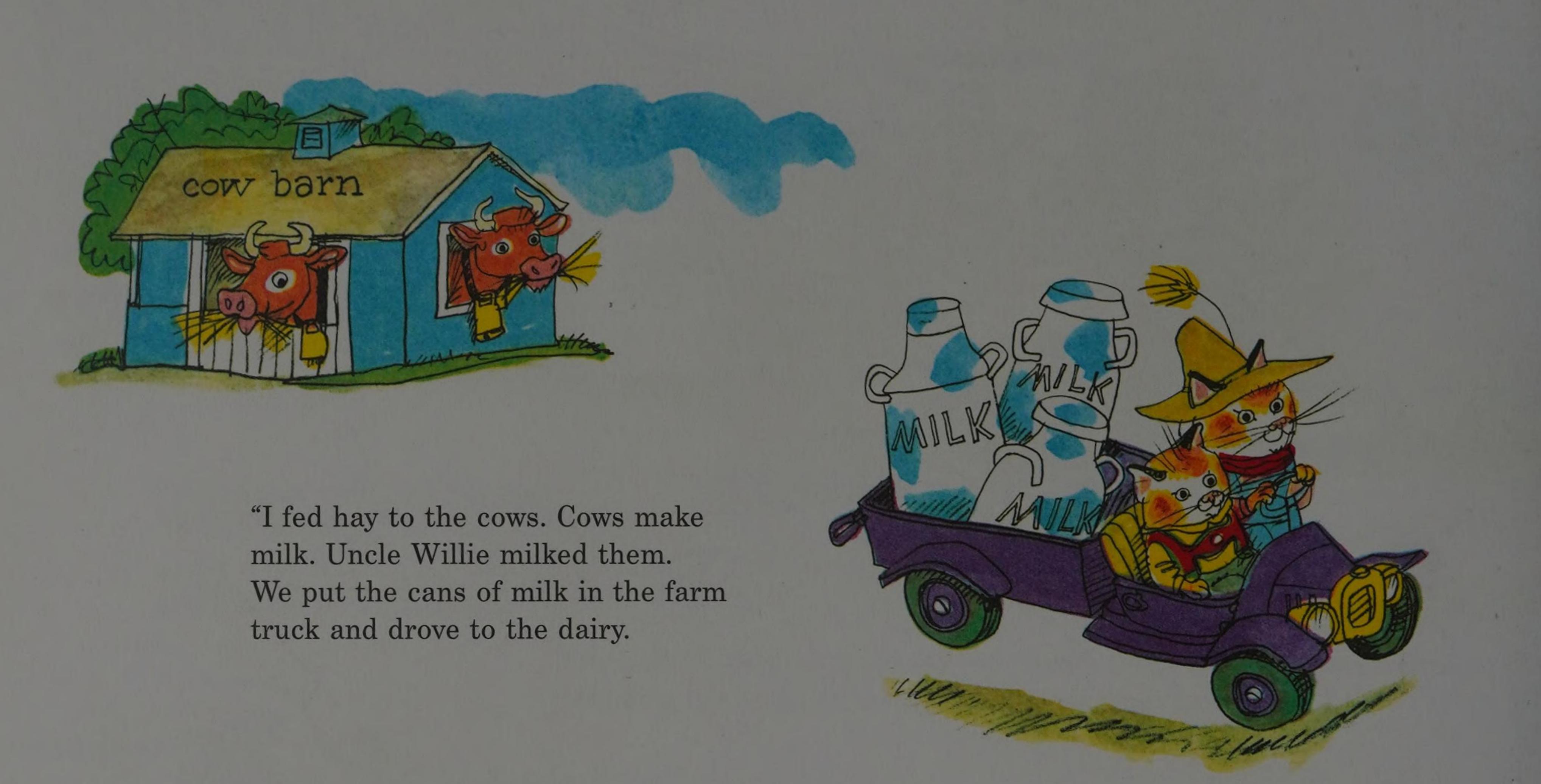




Hens have to eat before they will lay eggs.

I fed them grain and corn. Uncle Willie gathered the eggs.

Roosters don't lay eggs. They crow. Cock-a-doodle-doo! Cock-a-doodle-doo!



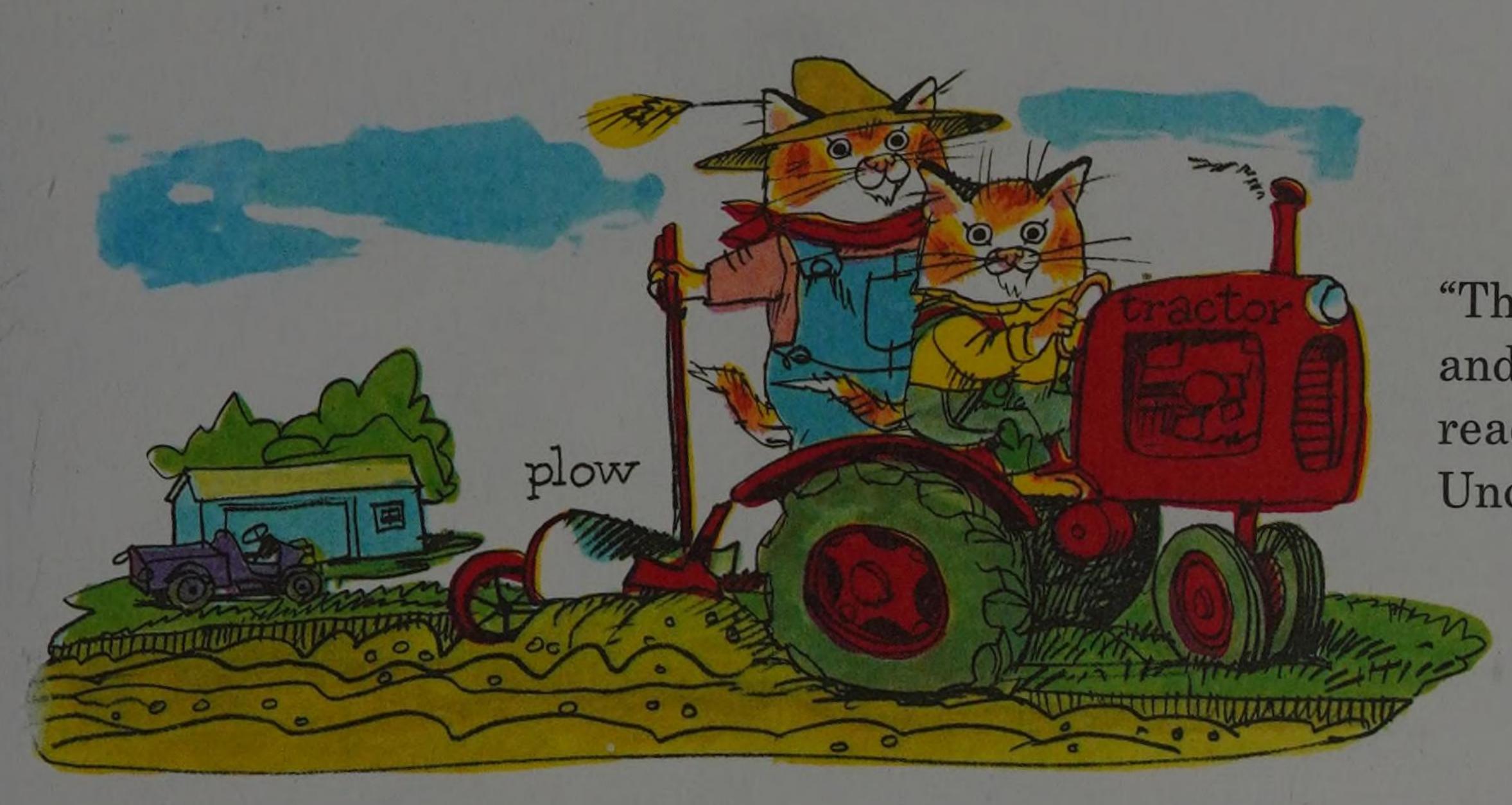


"At the dairy many things are done with the milk.

Some milk is put in cartons and sold at the market for drinking.

Some milk is made into butter. Some is made into cheese.

And, best of all, some is made into ice cream. The dairy man gave me an ice cream cone.



"Then we went back to the farm and plowed a field to make it ready for planting seeds.
Uncle Willie let me steer the tractor!

"Uncle Willie planted all kinds of seeds.

I planted one pumpkin seed. It would take all summer to grow. I hoped it would grow into a big pumpkin.



"Uncle Willie finished planting.
He asked me to drive to the barn
and get the wagon.
He wanted to pick his vegetables
and take them to market.



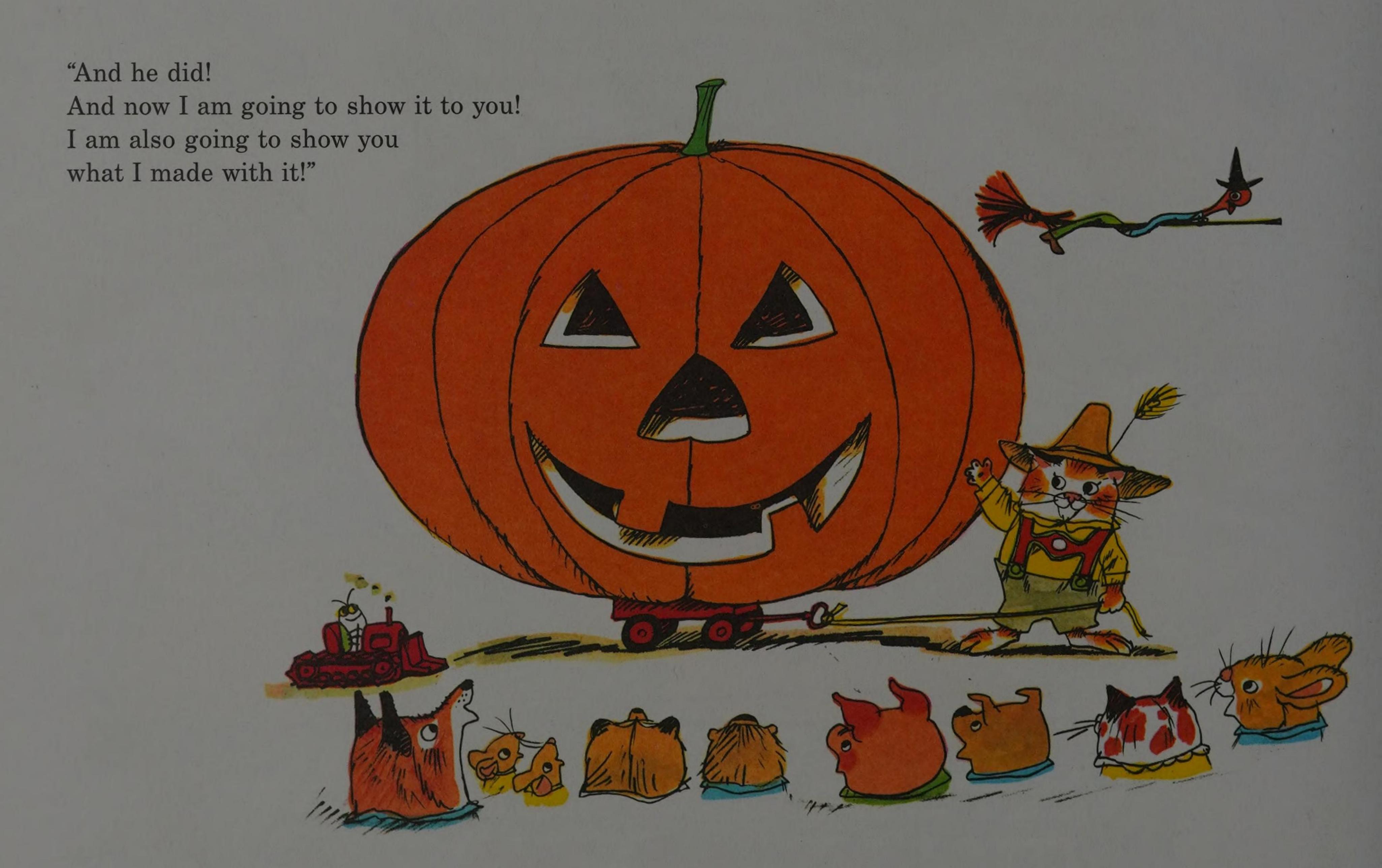




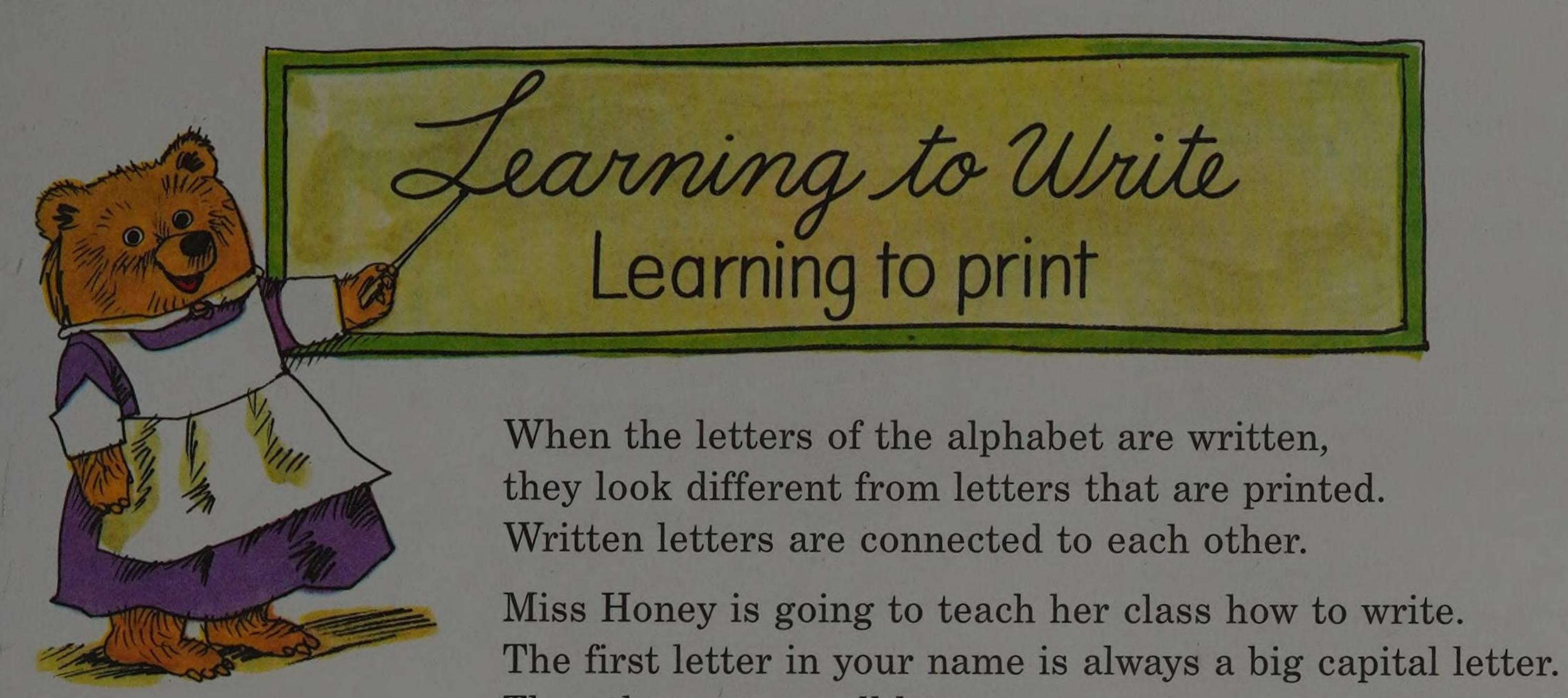


"Well! That was the end of my summer vacation," said Huckle.

"I was sent back home. Uncle Willie promised to bring my pumpkin to me when it was fully grown.



Why, Huckle! That just has to be the BIGGEST jack-o-lantern ever!
You are not only a good pumpkin grower, you are also a good jack-o-lantern maker!
Isn't he, children? But be careful that you don't frighten that witch with it!



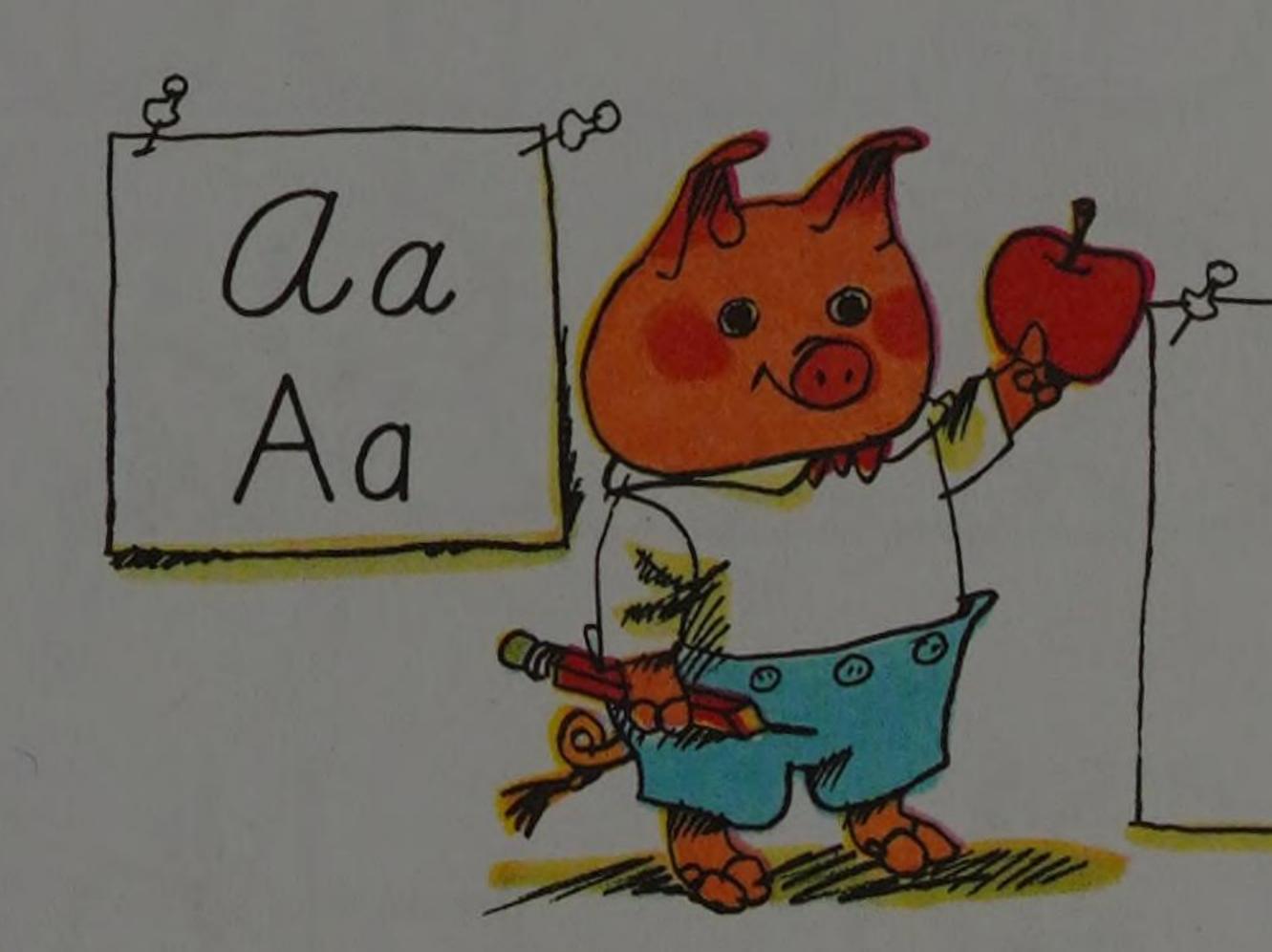
The others are small letters.

This is how Albert's name looks printed:

Albert

And this is how it looks written:

albert



Albert has an apple in his hand

Albert has an apple in his hand

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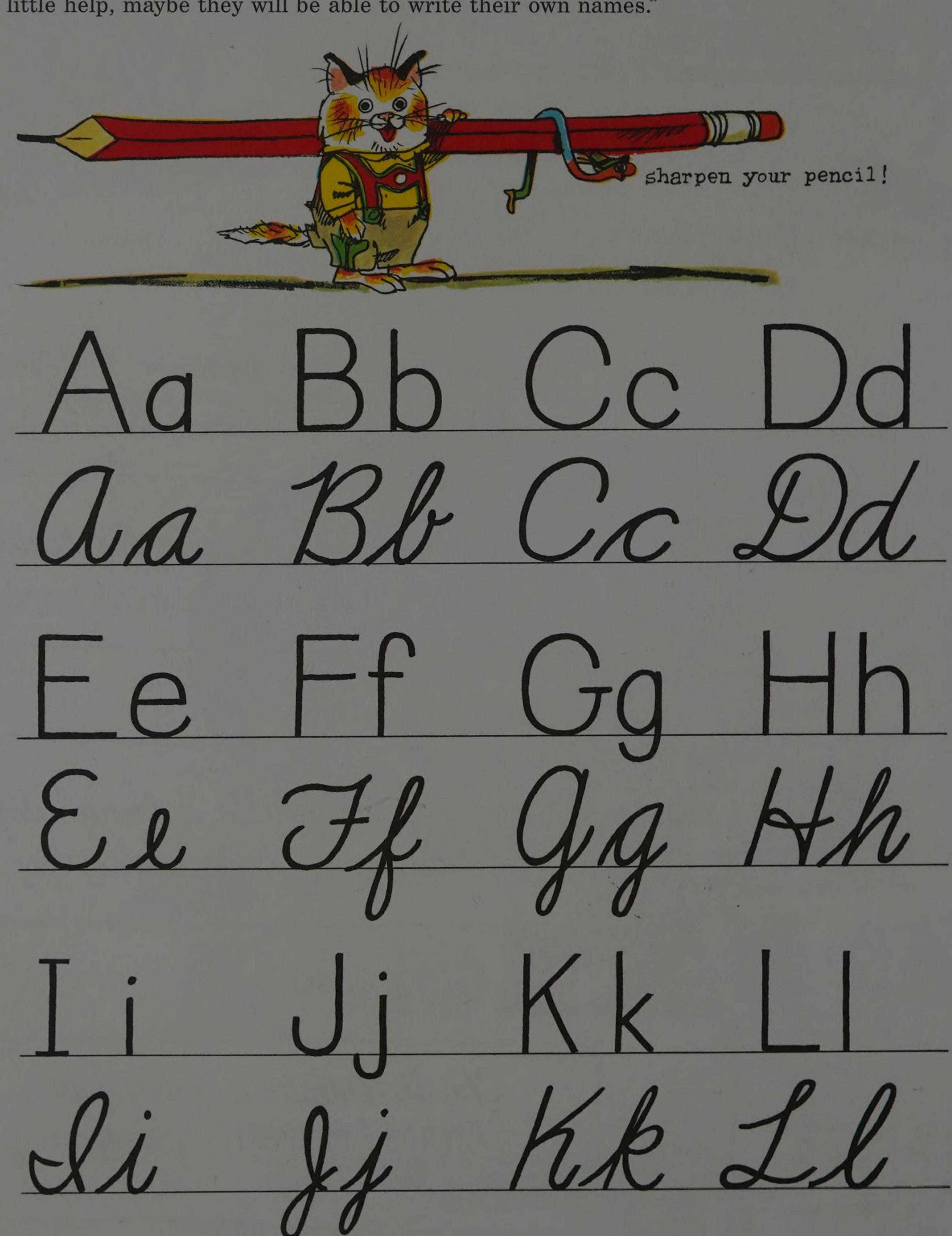
Bananas Gorilla is being silly, Bananas Gorilla is being silly

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Charlie Anteater is chewing gum
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"Now, Huckle," said Miss Honey, "will you please write all the letters of the alphabet? I want all the children to copy them.

With a little help, maybe they will be able to write their own names."



Mm Nn Oo Pp Mm Mm Oo Pp U.11. Unr Wir Xx Now, everyone, please take a pencil and a paper and try to write your own name.

#### VISITING THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE

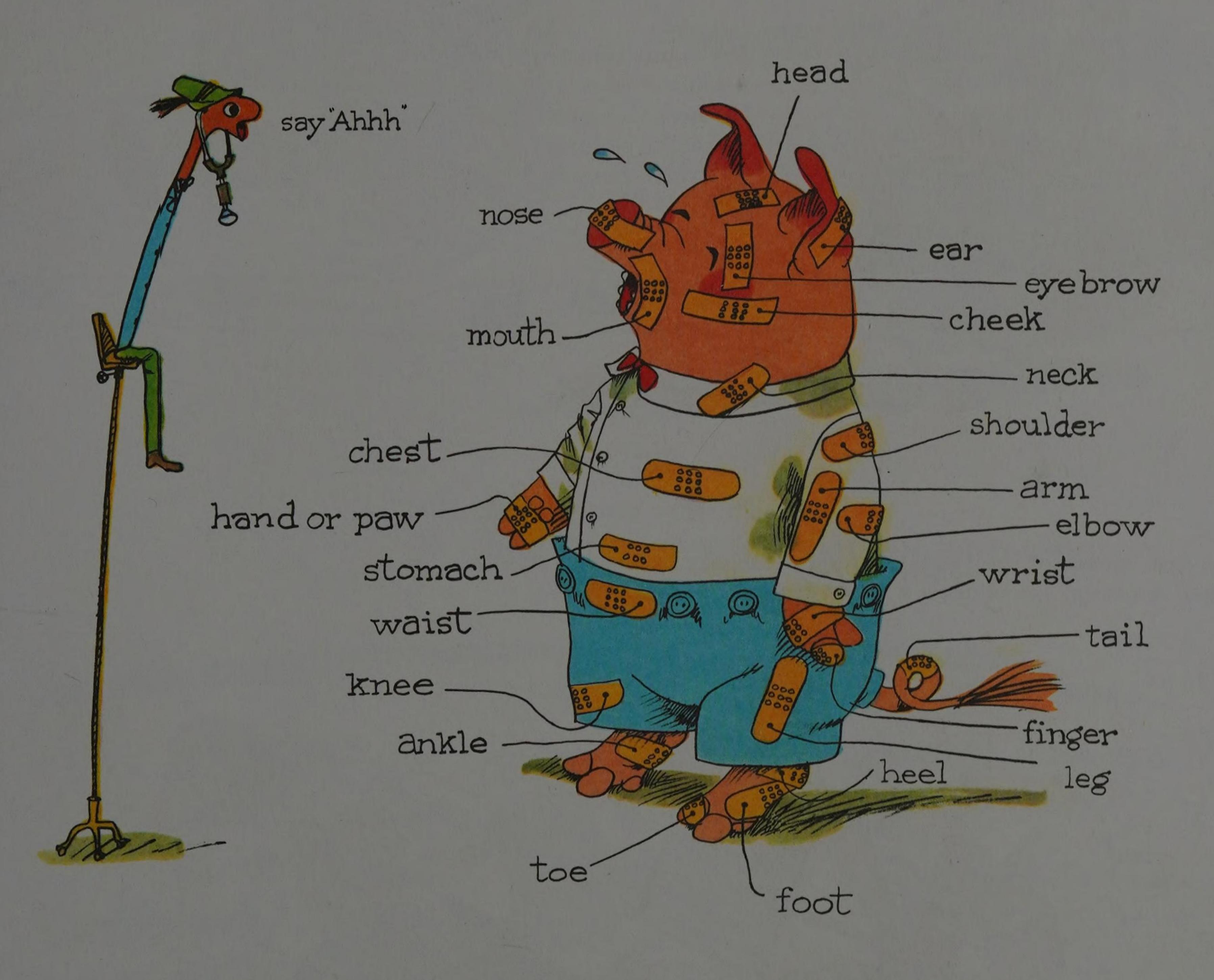
From time to time all the children must visit the doctor. He examines them to make sure that they are well and healthy. This was the day for Doctor Bear to look at them and make them say AHHHH. All right! Everyone get in line and file into the doctor's office. Take off your shirts and blouses.

Nurse Nelly measured the children to see how tall they were growing.

She weighed them to see how heavy they were.



The doctor comes to visit the school only on certain days. But Nurse Nelly is at school every day. She looks after any child who isn't feeling well.



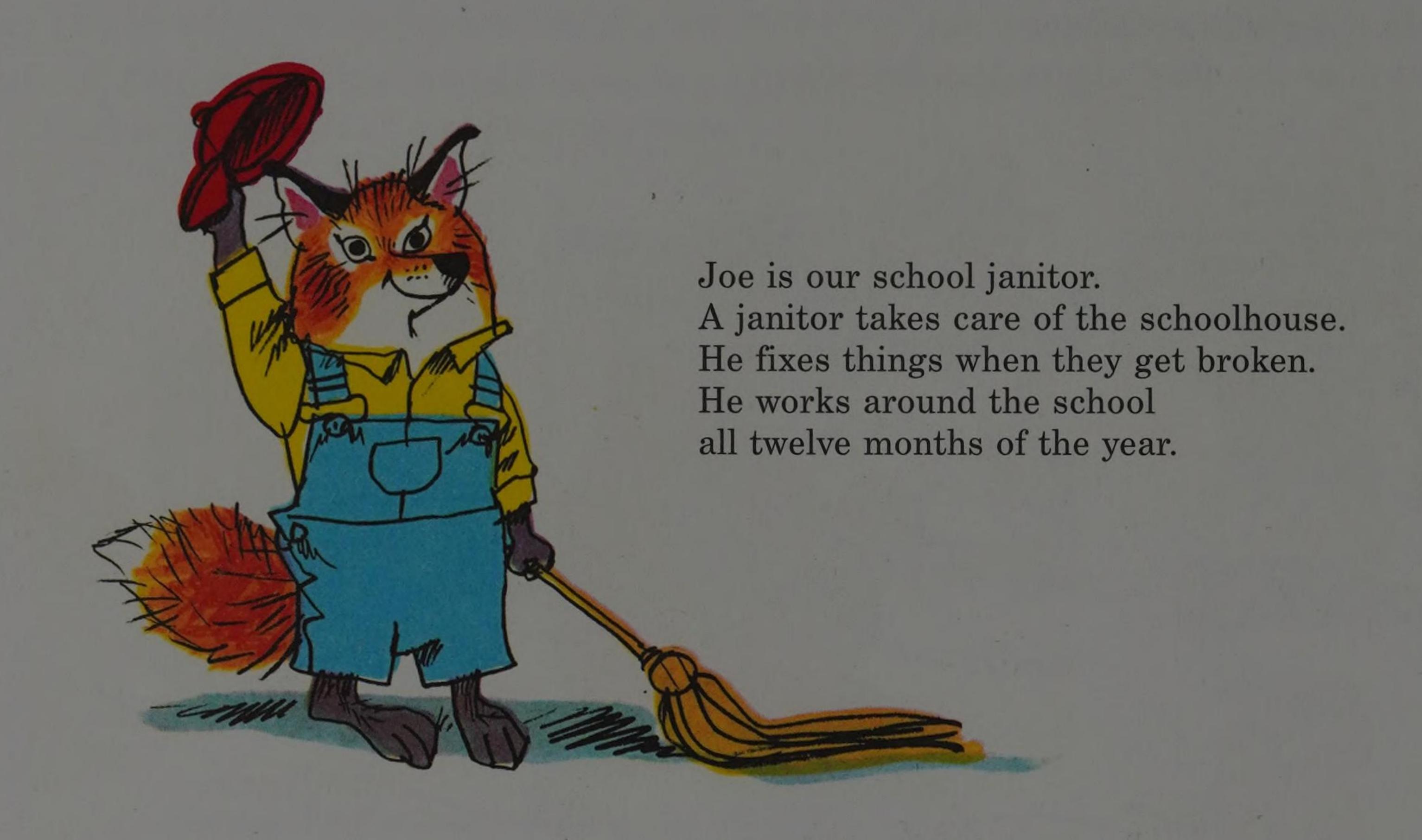
Arthur Pig fell down and hurt himself in the schoolyard.

"Where does it hurt?" Nurse Nelly asked Arthur.

"Everywhere!" said Arthur.

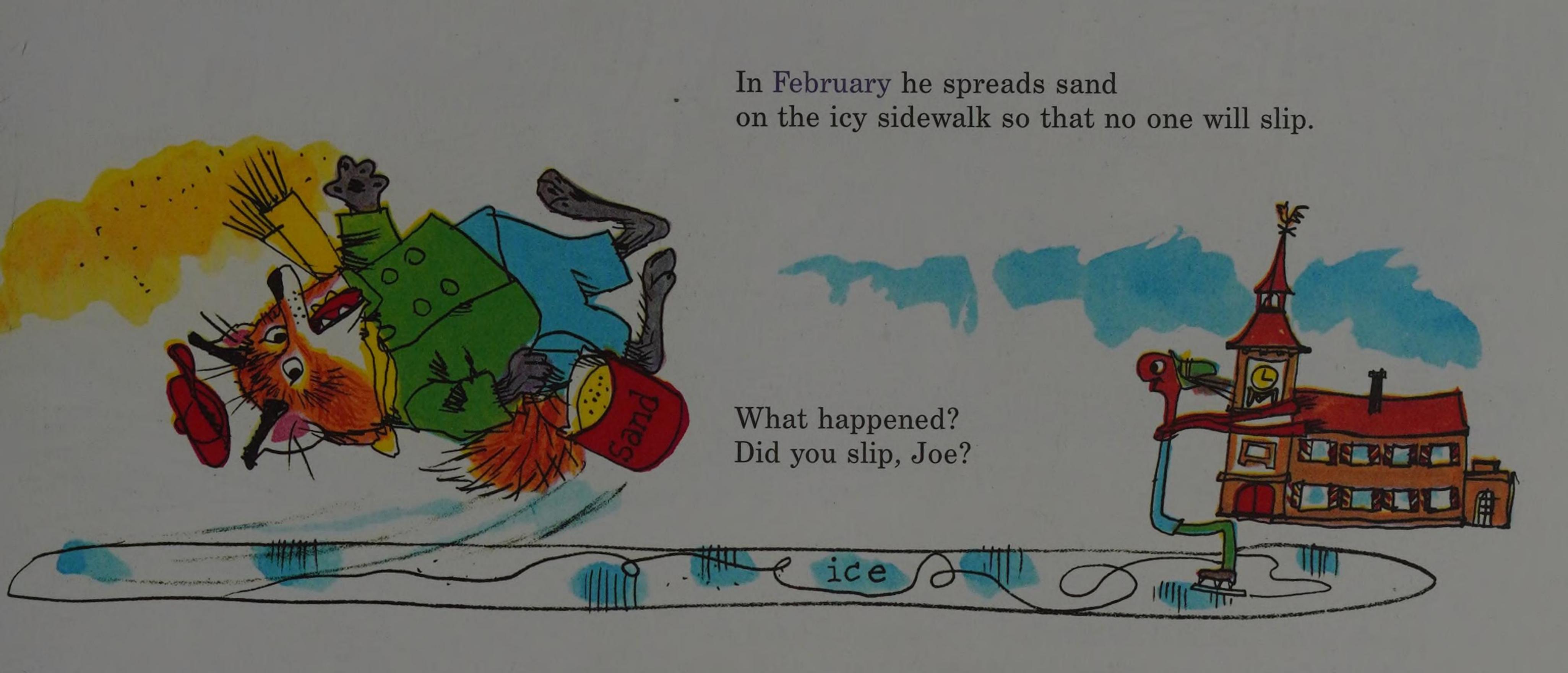
So Nurse Nelly put bandages everywhere to make him stop hurting.

# JANITOR JOE AND THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR



The first month of the year is January. January is a snowy month. When it snows, Joe shovels a path through the deep snow.





In March the strong winds blow.

Joe empties the wastebaskets into the trash burner outside.



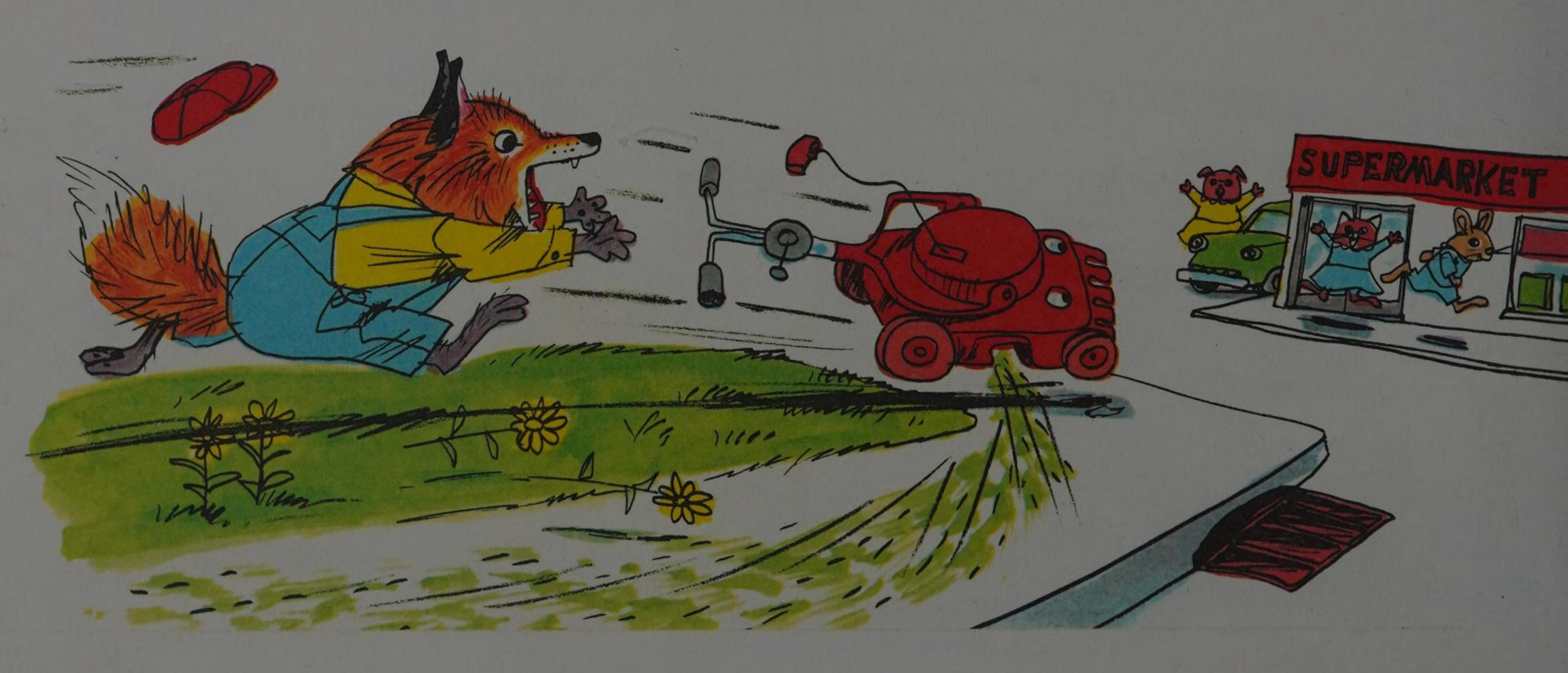


plants grow. Joe makes sure that the plants growing in the school flower garden get plenty of water.

In May Joe mows the school lawn with this lawnmower.

Once the mower got away and ran into a supermarket.

Do you suppose it was tired of chewing on nothing but grass?

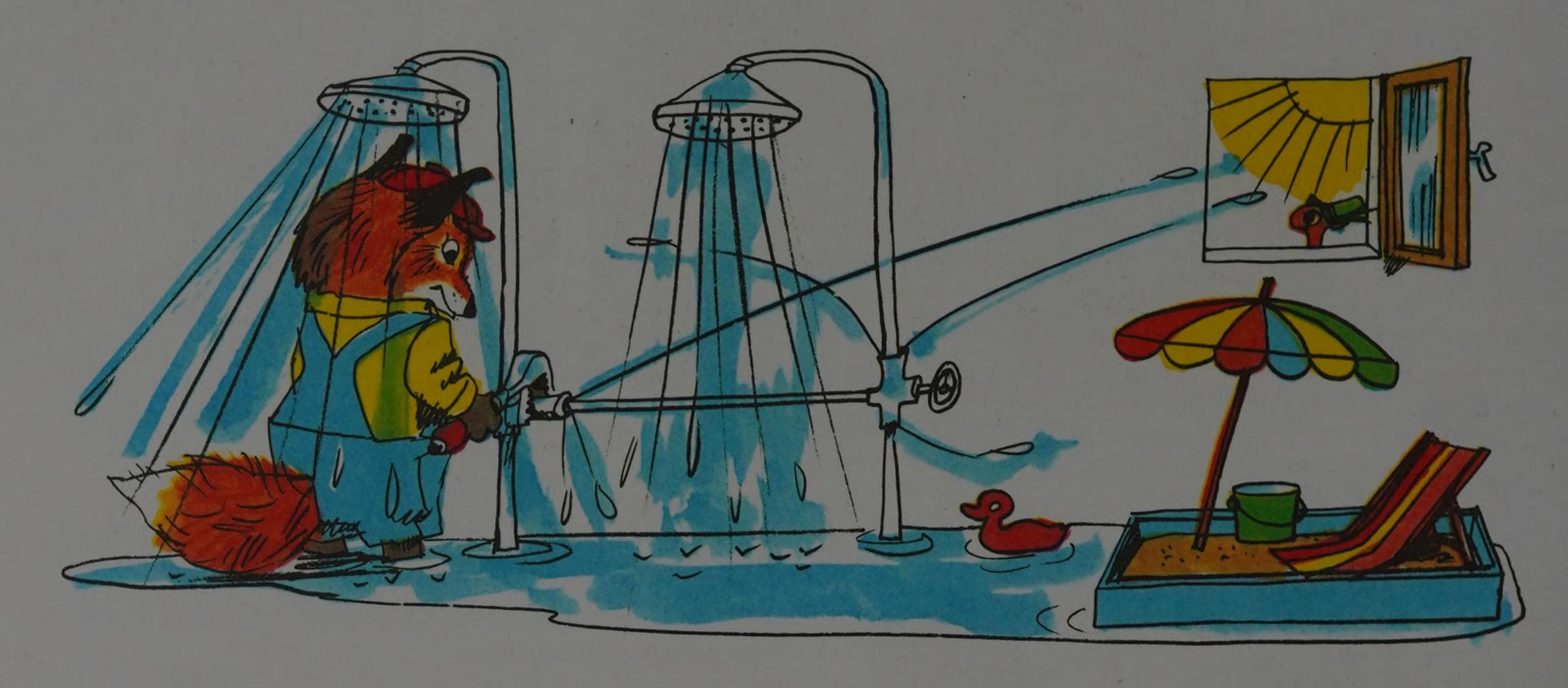




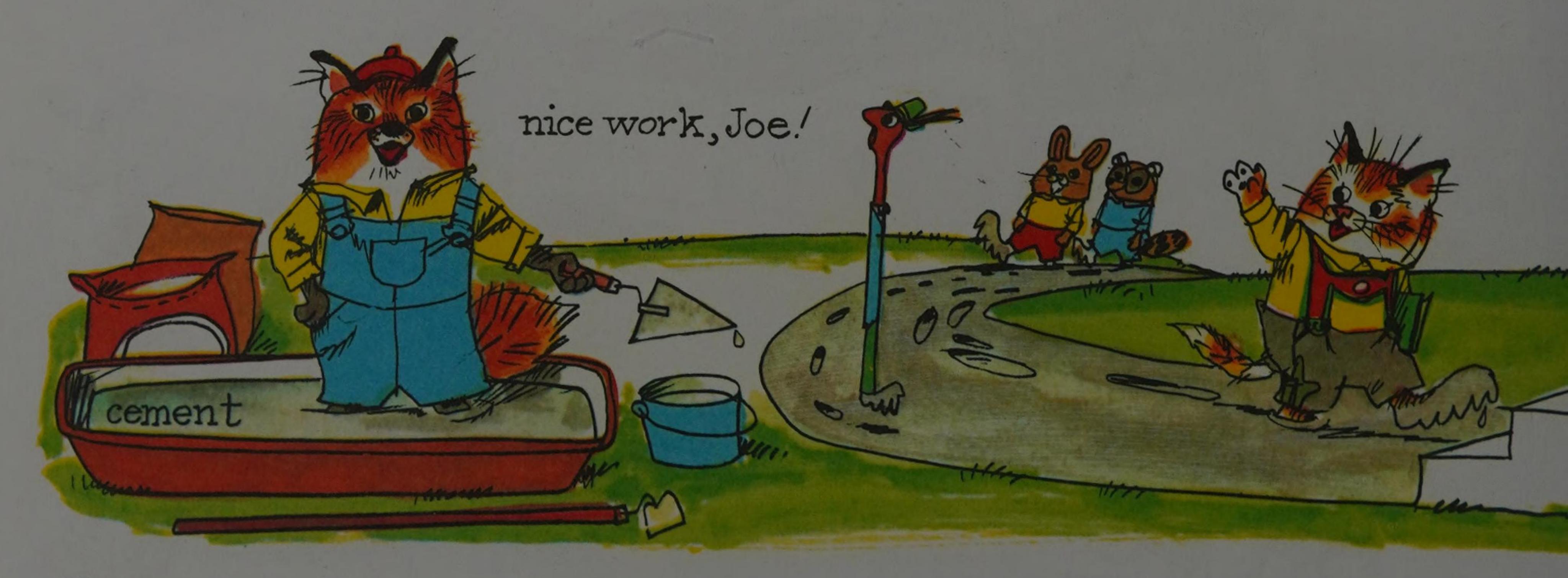
The month of August is very hot and sunny.

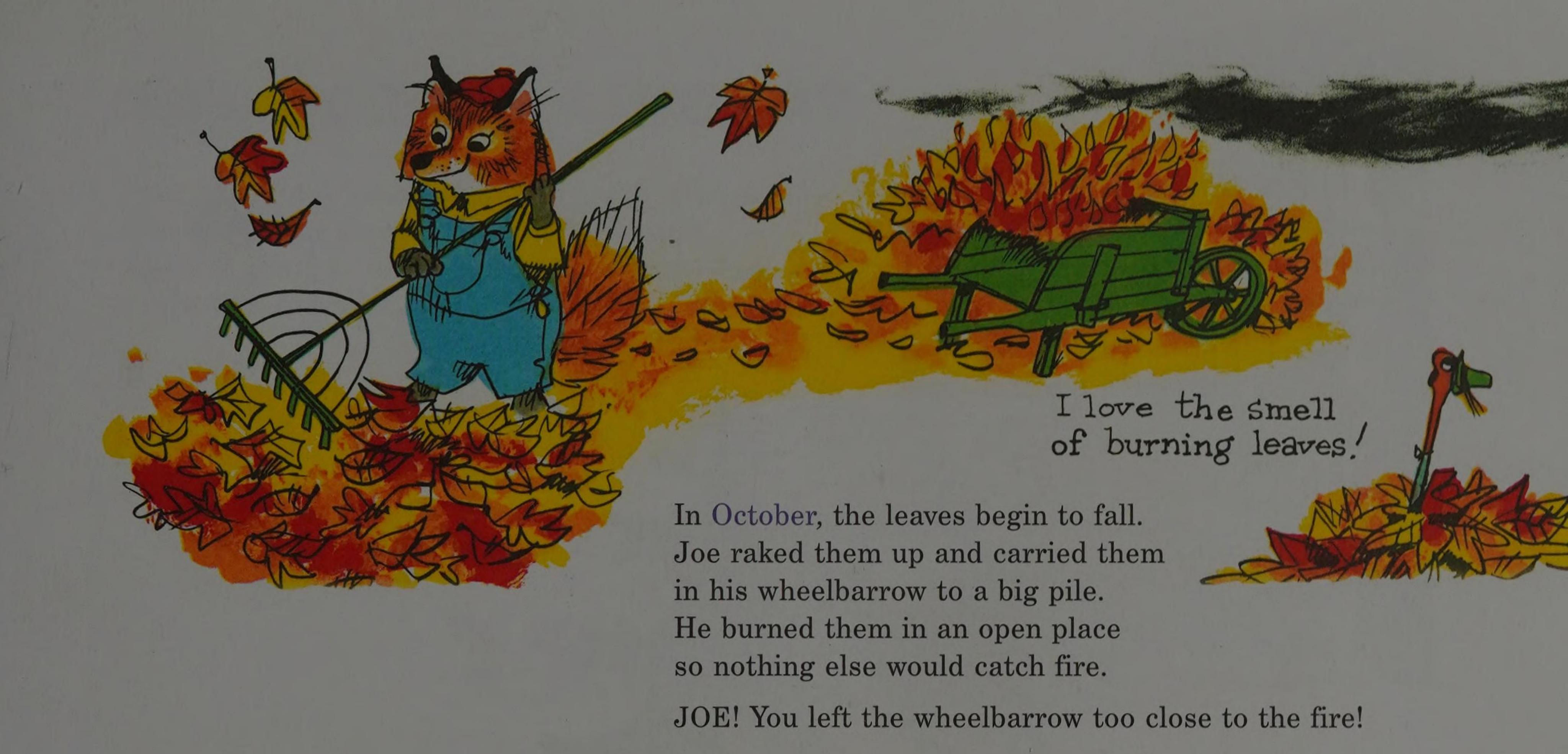
That's when Joe fixed the showers in the gym.

He pretended that he was at the seashore.



In September school begins again. Joe made a new cement sidewalk for the children to walk on. It is now soft and wet. Tomorrow it will be hard and dry. I think you should have made it a few days sooner, Joe!





November is a cold and windy month.

Winter is coming. Joe sawed the dead branches off the trees so they wouldn't be broken off by the wind and fall on top of something. The principal came out to look at his new car.

In December there are lots of holiday celebrations. Joe put up the school Christmas tree. He decorated it with ornaments. It looks beautiful.







The library shelves were full of all kinds of books.

Miss Honey gathered her children around her and read some exciting stories.



She read a fairy tale about a pretty princess and a brave knight. The knight had a fight with a dragon.





She told them a story about a little Inuit boy who lived in an igloo far away in the cold North.

An igloo is a house made of blocks and ice.

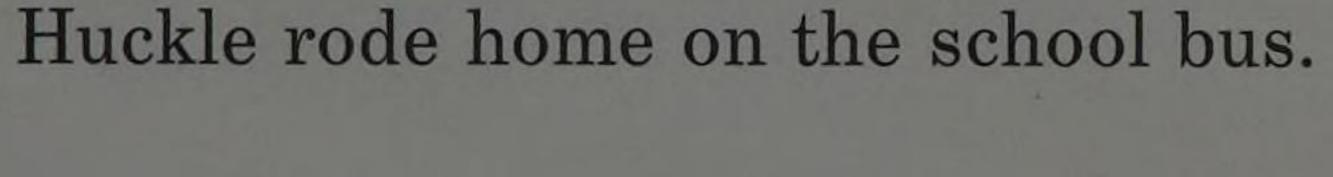
"Look at the picture of the Inuit boy paddling his kayak in the water," said Miss Honey.



When she finished reading Miss Honey said, "Any child who can write his name on a library card will be able to take a book home to read."

Miss Honey took a rubber stamp and stamped a date in Huckle's book. Now he will know on what day he must return the book to the library. The other children waited their turn to borrow a book.







Mother Cat was waiting for him.

Huckle showed her his library card.

She was so pleased to find that Huckle could write his own name!

"Huckle! You are really learning a lot in school!" she said.

Huckle hurried into the house to read his book.

Now, at least once every school year, Miss Honey takes the children on a school picnic. Mr. Bruno was invited, too. He cooked the hot dogs.

Miss Honey poured the lemonade. Bananas Gorilla played his Banana Guitar.

Huckle scooped out the ice cream. Joe brought his kite and showed everyone how to fly it. Lowly won the Sack Race.



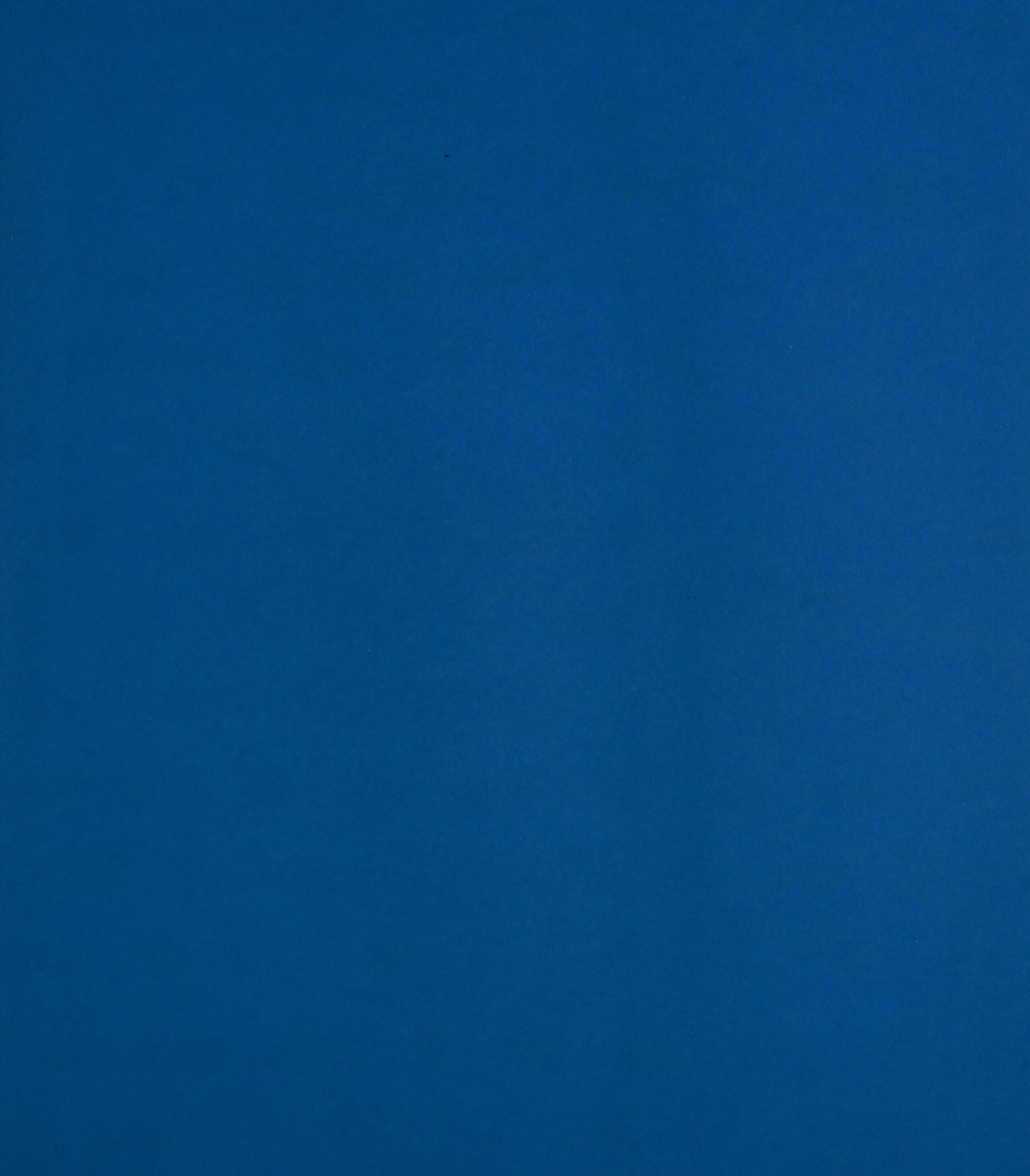


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